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AMERICAN RAILROADS TO BE SEIZED BY ORDER OF PRESIDENT WILSON

THOUSANDS OF MEN FROM GORDON WALK STREETS ALL NIGHT

Failure of Street Railway to Furnish Adequate Car Service From City to Camp Leaves Many Soldiers Stranded.

INADEQUATE AT ALL TIMES, SAY OFFICERS

President Allen, of Chamber of Commerce, Says the Camp's Permanency Is Assured and Double Tracking Should Be Completed at Once.

The need for the double track on the Camp Gordon trolley line and the present shortage of transportation facilities between the city and camp were emphasized Christmas night, when thousands of soldiers who were in the city were unable to get back to camp.

At midnight approximately 3,000 men were wandering the streets, waiting for Camp Gordon cars, and more than 1,000 men were unable to get on a trolley going back to camp last night and, unable to get a bed in the city, they had to stay on the streets all night long.

When the shortage in trolley transportation facilities developed in the face of the unprecedented numbers of soldiers on leave, nearly all the jitneys immediately "jumped" their fares from 50 cents to $1, and the number was utterly inadequate to handle the men who could not get on the street cars. Taxicabs also went up on their prices, some concerns, in instances, asking as high as $20 for a trip from the city to the cantonment.

Urges Double Tracks.

The increasing population at Camp Gordon, and the assurance that the cantonment is to be far more of a permanent proposition than at first thought, led President Ivan E. Allen, of the Atlanta chamber of commerce, Wednesday, to the statement that, in his opinion, the time has come when the construction of the double track should be rushed to its completion, so that transportation facilities between the city and the camp may at once be brought to their maximum of efficiency.

President Preston Arkwright, of the Georgia Railway and Power company, said that if the company had had four tracks running to Camp Gordon, instead of one, it could not have handled the Christmas night traffic. The company had forty cars on the line running all night long, and this was the limit of its available rolling stock.

However, it is stated that, even under normal conditions, the service is inadequate for the rush hour business immediately after "retreat" in the evenings. The men on leave are then ready to come to the city, and conditions are such that military police have to be stationed at the cars to allow women who are coming to the city to get on, and to prevent a free-for-all fight among the men scrambling for places. The reserve cars, or trailers, which are waiting, it is said, are filled up, and still there is not enough accommodation.

Camp Permanency Assured.

"The time has come, I think," said President Allen of the chamber of commerce, "when the double track to the cantonment should be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The population at the camp has developed

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To Keep Your Outgo Below Your Income Read the Advertising in The Constitution

Women Can Be Fashionably Dressed for Less Now

Women who have waited until after Christmas to outfit themselves with winter wearing apparel are going to find buying at its best now. No need to bemoan high costs at this time. Fashionable winter wearables—coats, furs, suits, dresses—can be bought for much less now than they could a few weeks earlier. Many of the stores of Atlanta are holding their pre-inventory sales. They are scaling down their stocks—sacrificing profits on their holdings of fashionable garments rather than carry them over into stock-taking time.

Read their advertisements that are appearing in The Constitution. Note the price savings that they offer. Their loss is your gain. You can buy now to good advantage—can make your dress allowance go twice as far as it would under ordinary circumstances. Yes, these are golden opportunity days for fashion buying.

NOTE—The Constitution guarantees its readers an actual saving on every purchase made from Atlanta stores advertising their lowest prices in the pages of this newspaper.

Xmas Crime Less And Arrests Fewer Than Ever Before

Light Christmas Docket in Recorder's Court Is Attributed to Sunday Campaign, Reduction of Bootleggers, Elimination of Cocaine, Etc.

If Billy Sunday did not succeed in driving the devil out of Atlanta, he at least restricted the activities of His Satanic Majesty so much that the city police are enjoying more leisure during the present holiday season than they had in many years.

There were only eighty-five cases docketed in the police station Christmas day. Old policemen recalled the time when there was "standing room only" in the cells on Christmas night, and the recorder would be kept busy all day long disposing of the cases on the day after Christmas. It was different yesterday. In many of the cases docketed for "disorderly conduct," which covers a multitude of sins, the arrested persons put up a cash bond and forfeited it rather than take their chances of being found guilty when placed on trial. The police say they never saw so many people have money enough to put up cash bonds as at the present time.

Guilty of Conduct Only.

Recorder Johnson was in good humor Tuesday afternoon when he opened court; so were the court attendants; so were the policemen who brought their prisoners before the bar. It was the day after Christmas and the spirit of Christmas was still lingering around the court room. Even the prisoners who were placed on trial seemed to be infected with the general good humor and paid their fines without grumbling, or started to serve their sentences in the stockade with a smile.

"Will Jones, you are charged with disorderly conduct. Are you guilty or not guilty?" asked the recorder of the first negro placed on trial.

"Jedge, yo' honah, I'se guilty of conduct, but not disp'dly. I wus jes' boisterous, Jedge." Further testimony showed that Will had insisted upon arguing in a store and using rather high-flavored language.

"Five dollars and costs," said the recorder.

The next case was that of Walter Wells, charged with being drunk. Wells said he was drunk, very drunk, indeed. "Jedge, I don't even remember what policeman it was that arrested me," he said. It was his first offense and he was let off with the minimum fine, which he paid and left the court room smiling.

Only Eighteen Drunks.

There were only fifteen cases on the docket of persons who had been arrested on the charge of being drunk. John Barleycorn is losing his hold on Atlanta. Time was not so many years ago that twenty or thirty cases of drunkenness would be recorded any day, and on Christmas, in years gone by, there would be from 150 to 200 cases. Year by year prohibition has progressed in the city, according to police court annals. For instance, on Christmas 1914, there were 81 persons arrested for being intoxicated; on Christmas, 1915, there were 69; last year the number was reduced to 21, and this Christmas there were only 18.

Of the great number of cases tried Tuesday, few were of such a nature that the recorder found it necessary to bind them over to a higher court. There were fifteen cases, however, where men were bound over in the sum of $50 for carrying weapons without a license.

The fact that eighteen persons were arrested for drunkenness, however, as well as fifteen for carrying weapons without license, still leaves work for the police to do in the campaign against blind tigers and pistol 'toting. Until it is impossible for anyone to secure liquor, let alone enough to become intoxicated to the point of drunkenness, prohibition will not perfectly prohibit.

The majority of the "disorderly conduct" cases were of minor interest and were quickly disposed of. They ranged from family quarrels to petty larceny.

Police Claim Credit.

While the police admit there is a great decrease in the number of felonies and misdemeanors, they do not attribute the betterment wholly to Billy Sunday. They claim some credit themselves. "We arrested 27 bootleggers in the ten days before Christmas and confiscated many gallons of whisky," they say, pointing out that whisky is the greatest provocative of crime.

Hooper Alexander, district attorney, also believes the scarcity of egg-nog at Christmas time had something to do with the light docket.

"We have seized a great many shipments of whisky lately," said Mr. Alexander. "I have in mind one shipment of 271 quarts of imported Scotch that was shipped from a fictitious address in New York to a business house here, but the consignee refused to accept it. We have it in our liquor storage room, together with many more gallons. No one can tell how much crime is bottled up in a jug of whisky."

The revenue men point out that the enforcement of the Harrison anti-narcotic act is also a factor in crime reduction. It is a rare thing for the police to find a cocaine fiend nowadays, they say, while before the Harrison act became a law two or three "dope" fiends were arrested daily.

Court officials say another reason for a decrease in the work of the police is the fact that there are comparatively few idlers in the city. The recent crusade against slackers sent many young men to work, while hundreds are in the army.

BRITISH BREWERS ORDERED TO SWELL BEER PRODUCTION

London, December 26.—The food controller has issued an order permitting Brewers to increase their present output by 20 per cent in the first quarter of the new year. The order also permits an additional increase of 12½ per cent for brewers supplying "necessary munition areas."

Stiff Orders Given Baker To Cut Out the Red Tape And Clothe U.S. Troops

JELLICOE REMOVED AS FIRST SEA LORD

Vice Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, Representing Old Aristocratic Element, Succeeds — Public Demanded Change.

London, December 26.—Vice Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss has been appointed first sea lord in succession to Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, according to an official announcement issued this evening.

Admiral Jellicoe has been elevated to the peerage in recognition of his very distinguished service. The hope is expressed that his experience may be utilized later in another important post.

Public Demanded Change.

The translation of Sir John R. Jellicoe to the honorable eclipse of a seat in the house of lords and the promotion of the second sea lord to his place, briefly announced in an official communication tonight, will convey but one interpretation to the mind of the general public in view of the strong criticism for a long time passed upon the admiralty, which culminated in deep disappointment and dissatisfaction at the impunity with which German raiders recently again sank a British convoy.

The official announcement says nothing of Admiral Jellicoe having for any reason desired to resign his appointment, but merely announces his replacement by Vice Admiral Wemyss and the bestowal of a peerage "in recognition of his very distinguished services."

The announcement said:

"During the war Admiral Jellicoe was for two years and four months in command of the grand fleet before he came to the admiralty to take up the position of first sea lord, which he has held with distinction for the last thirteen months. It is hoped that his services and experience may be made use of at a later date in another important appointment."

Jellicoe's Notable Career.

Admiral Jellicoe, who had performed notable service in the British navy as commander of the Atlantic and home fleets and also as second sea lord, was made supreme commander of the home fleet at the outbreak of the war. In the summer following the Jutland battle he was appointed first sea lord, turning over command of the grand fleet to Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty, who had commanded the British warships in their fight against the Germans. Jellicoe is 58 years old.

Vice Admiral Wemyss became sea lord of the admiralty in August of the present year. Although little known to the British public, Wemyss has always borne the reputation of being a fighter of the first order. He won commendation for the part he took in the Jutland battle. Wemyss entered the navy in 1877 and was made a rear admiral in 1912. He represents the old aristocratic element in the navy.

COLD COMES WITH NO COAL IN CITY

Railroads Blamed for Non-Fulfillment of Repeated Promises—Wire to Chamber of Commerce Is Pessimistic in Tone.

Another cold spell seems to be sweeping down on Atlanta this morning, and it also seems that the city has again been "duped" about getting relief from the coal shortage. There is practically no coal in the city. There is no prospect of any appreciable amount coming in.

This time the railroads have been named as the "goat."

Various reasons—the federal fuel administration was not acting; Atlanta had already had more coal this year than she got last; numerous other reasons—had been advanced as to why there was no coal in Atlanta during the cold spell of ten days ago, and Atlanta was promised from Washington that coal to relieve the situation would be forthcoming immediately—that everything would be all right by the first of this week, and that by the time the weather got cold again there would be fuel for everybody.

Coal Prospect Slight.

The weather is cold again, and dealers all over the city were compelled to tell customers all day Wednesday that they had but little or no coal and that prospects of relief are distant, despite the fact that the federal fuel administrator is said to have authorized the shipment of coal to Atlanta consumers.

Atlanta needs about 200 cars of coal per day. Only a very small percentage of this amount is coming in, and most of this is run-of-the-mine, a very inferior quality.

Local Fuel Administrator Henry

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Aroused by Unquestioned Proof of Suffering in the Army Camps, Senate Military Committee Takes Mandatory Action.

GENERAL O'RYAN TELLS OF CAMP WADSWORTH

He Says Men Are Not Adequately Equipped, Though Health Has Been Good. O'Ryan Approves Location of Training Camps in the South.

Washington, December 26.—Aroused by reports of shortages of winter clothing in national army camps, the senate military affairs committee today, in resuming its investigation into army conditions, adopted a resolution requesting the secretary of war to immediately ascertain conditions by wire, supplying deficient troops and suspend departmental routine, if necessary, by direct purchases from sources near the camps.

The resolution, offered by Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, declared that upon "unquestioned proof" there is a shortage of at least 20,000 overcoats and 47,000 woolen blouses in nine national army cantonments. Quartermaster General Sharpe, who testified last week, admitted shortage of winter equipment in some camps, but said all necessary supplies have been shipped and soon would be received.

Text of the Resolution.

The resolution says:

"It appearing to the committee from unquestioned proof adduced before it that many enlisted men in Camps Wheeler, Shelby, Kearney, Dix, Jackson, Grant, Custer, Beauregard, and in the camp at Fort Worth, Texas, are without woolen blouses and overcoats, the combined shortage in the several camps above named being not less than 20,000 overcoats and 47,000 woolen blouses, this committee hereby requests the secretary of war to take immediate steps to supply said enlisted men with overcoats and woolen blouses.

"It further appearing that there may be shortages of said articles at Camps Dodge, Doniphan, Funston, Wadsworth, Fremont, Sheridan, Greene and Pike, and perhaps other camps, the secretary of war is also requested to ascertain by wire today if any other shortages of clothing exists in any of our camps and if so, that he be directed that such shortage be supplied immediately.

"It is the sense of the committee that, with the cold season now on, the usual routine shall be suspended as to this matter, and that the commanding officers of the several camps shall be directed, if this is the quickest way, to buy these articles at the nearest points to their camps at which they can be obtained, so that our soldiers may be supplied as soon as possible."

The clothing situation was discussed by the committee in executive session, Senator McKellar submitting details of replies he had received from camp commanders.

Where Clothing Is Short.

The principal overcoat shortages in the national army camps reported to Senator McKellar were at Camps Shelby and Beauregard, which were said to be deficient 8,000 and 11,140, respectively. In heavy blouses, the principal shortages reported were at the following camps:

Shelby, 5,065; Kearney, 13,900; Dix, 3,200; Jackson, 12,000 (estimated); Custer, 4,500; and Beauregard, 3,400.

Camps reported adequately supplied with overcoats and blouses were Hancock, Houston, Hempstead, Devens, McArthur and Lee.

Commandants of other camps, in reply to Senator McKellar's inquiries, referred him to the war department.

Major General John F. O'Ryan, commander of the national army cantonment at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., who recently returned from the European front, told the committee he witnessed two important allied drives and that in them the German artillery was much inferior.

The committee opened its doors at its afternoon session for further examination of General O'Ryan, who praised the health of the men at Camp Wadsworth. Thirty-one thousand men are there, he said, and there have been only fourteen deaths. He thought it would be a good camp to retain permanently in case universal military training should be adopted.

Regarding shoes furnished men at Camp Wadsworth, General O'Ryan said there had been some trouble getting proper sizes. In one shipment of 7,000 pairs, he said, 4,000 were returned.

"On what date were your men adequately equipped?" asked Senator Wadsworth.

"They are not adequately equipped yet," he said, adding:

"Not to go into campaign work."

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DECREASE IS SHOWN IN SUBMARINE TOLL OF BRITISH VESSELS

Only 13 Ships Sunk Last Week—11 Vessels Over 1,600 Tons, One Under That Tonnage and One Fishing Vessel.

London, December 26.—The losses to British shipping show a material decrease for the past week. According to the admiralty report tonight, eleven British merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over were sunk during this period by mine or submarine, as well as one merchantman under that tonnage and one fishing vessel.

The summary: Arrivals, 2,316; sailings, 2,460.

British merchantmen sunk by mine or submarine, 1,600 tons or over, eleven; under 1,600 tons, 1; fishing vessels, one.

British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, 12, including two previously.

For the week ending December 19, seventeen British merchantmen were sunk, fourteen of them of more than 1,600 tons. In the previous week the losses were twenty-one, fourteen of them of more than 1,600 tons.

Six Italian Vessels Sunk.

Rome, December 26.—The losses to Italian shipping during the past week from submarines were three steamers of more than 1,500 tons, two sailing vessels of more than 100 tons and one sailing vessel of less than 100 tons. Two steamers were damaged by torpedoes and were run ashore, while one sailing vessel was damaged but was towed into port.

GEN. CROZIER ACTED IN AID OF TAUSCHER

When Latter Was on Trial as German Plotter—Crozier Makes Public Letter in Behalf of Tauscher.

Washington, December 26.—Currency given reports that the senate military committee would investigate alleged connection between Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, and the defense of Hans Tauschen, former Krupp agent, at the latter's trial last year on charges of conspiracy in the Welland canal plot, caused General Crozier to make public a letter he had written to Federal Judge Hand at the time of the trial, which was before the United States entered the war.

General Crozier's action was taken after it had been indicated that the senate committee might summon Herbert Smythe, of New York, counsel for Tauscher, to testify as to any connection General Crozier might have had with the defense. Beyond making public the letter, General Crozier declined to comment. The letter follows:

"Office of the Chief of Ordnance,
"Washington, June 26, 1916.

"August Hand, Judge of the United States Supreme Court, New York.

"Sir: At the request of counsel for Captain Hans Tauscher, I write to say to you that I have known Captain Tauscher for ten years or more, and that I have had frequent dealings with him on behalf of the United States government. During this time I have always been impressed with the integrity and reliability of his personal character, my belief in which has never been disturbed by anything which has transpired between us. I should, of course, be willing to testify in person to the above effect, but I have informed Captain Tauscher's counsel that at the present time it is not possible for me to be absent from my post in Washington. Very respectfully,

(Signed) "WILLIAM CROZIER."

Wilson and Bolsheviki Working for Same Ends, Say French Labor Men

Clermont-Ferrand, France, December 26.—At its national conference here the general conference of labor today adopted almost unanimously a resolution referring to the war aims set forth by President Wilson, saying that the purposes of the Russian revolutionaries were virtually the same and declaring the position of the French workers could be expressed in similar terms. The federation was instructed to employ all its efforts to induce the French government to make a clear public statement of its conditions of peace.

COLD SPELL OF SHORT DURATION IS FORECAST

Jack Frost is again the unwelcome guest of Atlanta, but the weather man says his visit will not be as long as on his last visit.

The mercury started to drop Wednesday and fell slowly from 56 degrees above zero in the morning to 26 degrees above by supper time. The indications are that the thermometer will not record a temperature above the freezing point during the day, although it will be fair.

It will be even colder in south Georgia than in the northern section of the state and there is a promise of rain for the coast. The temperate weather that has been general throughout the country for the past four days has given way to colder weather in nearly all sections.

The weather bureau has issued a notice stating that the daily weather map will be discontinued with the issue for December 31, as an emergency measure for the curtailment of expenses during the war.

McAdoo Will Become U. S. Rail Dictator At High Noon Friday

Every Railroad Engaged in General Transportation With Appurtenances, Including Steamship Lines, Is Taken Over, and All Systems Will Be Operated as One Under the Director General.

WILSON SAYS IN PROCLAMATION PRIVATE OPERATION HAS FAILED AND THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO ACT

Local Interurban Systems Are Specifically Exempted by the Proclamation of Seizure. Guarantees to Be Given Roads of Earnings Equivalent to Average Net Operating Income for the Three Years Ending June 30, 1917. Repair and Equipment Are Also Guaranteed. Scheme Follows British System.

Washington, December 26.—Government possession and operation of the nation's railroads for the war was proclaimed by President Wilson tonight, to become effective at noon next Friday, December 28. William G. McAdoo, retaining his place in the cabinet as secretary of the treasury, is placed in charge as director general of railroads.

Every railroad engaged in general transportation, with appurtenances, including steamship lines, is taken over, and all systems will be operated as one under the director general.

In a statement accompanying the proclamation the president stated that as soon as congress reassembles he will recommend legislation guaranteeing pre-war earnings and maintenance of railroad properties in good repair.

Government backing will be given to new issues of railroad securities that a ready market may be found.

The president's move, although forecast for weeks, came at this time as a great surprise to nearly everybody in Washington, including railroad officials. It had been generally believed he would await the reassembling of congress before taking any step. He acted through Secretary of War Baker, under authority conferred in the army appropriation act.

NO DISPLACEMENT OF RAIL OFFICIALS.

Direct management of the roads will remain in the hands of railroad officials, and the railroad board, composed of five railroad heads, will continue to direct actual operation under Secretary McAdoo's general supervision.

The chief practical effect of government operation will be to permit complete unification of all rail systems.

M'ADOO IS CERTAIN OF SAVING MILLIONS TO PUBLIC AND LINES

His Scheme Is to Pool Traffic and Facilities—Secretary to Shift Treasury Details to His Assistants.

Washington, December 26.—The railroad situation has presented one of the greatest problems that have arisen to puzzle those who are directing for the United States the prosecution of the war. Government control, now assumed by President Wilson, although not offering an entire solution for transportation perplexities, will, many officials believe, go far towards relieving many transportation ills.

War's demands on railroad facilities were foreseen early by railroad officials and five days after war was declared the heads of the principal systems met in Washington and formed a committee of five rail chiefs to direct the roads as nearly as possible as one continental system. The five men named were called the "railroads' war board." They were: Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern railway, chairman; Howard Elliott, of the New Haven; Samuel Rea, of the Pennsylvania; Hale Holden, of the Burlington, and Julius Kruttschnitt, of the Southern Pacific.

War Board's Work.

The war board has sat continuously in Washington since its organization and has so co-ordinating railroad operations that the roads are said to be carrying 25 per cent more traffic than ever moved before. As war preparations increased traffic became constantly heavier and a month ago the war board named a general operating committee for eastern railroad lines, and announced that it would pool all trackage and facilities, including cars and locomotives.

Meanwhile, traffic had grown to such proportions that the roads could not handle it and in the east in particular many terminals were choked and con-

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Weather Prophecy
FAIR AND COLD.

Washington—Forecast:
Georgia—Fair and continued cold Thursday; Friday increasing cloudiness and not so cold.

Local Weather Report.

Highest temperature	36
Lowest temperature	33
Mean temperature	40
Normal temperature	42
Rainfall in past 24 hours, inches	.02
Deficiency since 1st of month, in.	2.94
Deficiency since January 1, inches	1.26

Reports From Various Stations.

STATIONS and State of WEATHER.	Temperature 7 p. m.	Temperature High	Rain (24 hours)
ATLANTA, cldy	34	36	.02
Baltimore, clear	26	28	.00
Birmingham, clear	42	42	.04
Boston, clear	16	24	.00
Buffalo, clear	16	24	.00
Charleston, cloudy	36	38	.30
Chicago, cloudy	30	30	.00
Denver, pt. cldy	52	56	.00
Des Moines, cldy	30	32	.00
Galveston, cloudy	48	48	.00
Hatteras, cloudy	38	40	.14
Jacksonville, rain	40	56	.52
Kan. City, cloudy	38	34	.00
Knoxville, cloudy	38	38	.12
Louisville, pt. cldy	26	32	.00
Memphis, clear	36	36	.00
Miami, cloudy	70	74	.00
Mobile, cloudy	42	42	.00
Montgomery, rain	38	46	.01
Nashville, cloudy	32	34	.00
New Orleans, cldy	42	44	.00
New York, clear	22	26	.00
Pittsburg, clear	22	24	.00
Portland, Ore., cldy	53	58	.96
Raleigh, clear	28	32	.06
San Francisco, cldy	60	63	.22
St. Louis, clear	16	24	.00
Shreveport, clear	44	48	.00
Spokane, cldy	31	34	.02
Tampa, cloudy	66	72	.08
Toledo, clear	20	22	.00
Vicksburg, cloudy	34	36	.00
Washington, clear	24	28	.00

Meteorologist, Weather Bureau.
C. F. von HERRMANN.

impossible under private operation by reason of statutes prohibiting pooling of rail traffic and earnings. The roads themselves had gone as far as they dared in this direction and it became known only today that they had been warned by Attorney Gregory that a violation of anti-pooling laws could not be permitted.

ROADS HAD GONE FAR AS THEY COULD.

The situation was fully realized by President Wilson, who in his statement declared the roads had gone as far as they could and that already some systems were endangering their earnings in attempting unification.

Although the proclamation applies to all electric lines engaged in general transportation, local interurban systems are specifically exempted.

Congress will be asked to guarantee earnings equivalent to the average net operating income of each railroad in the three year period ending June 30, 1917. Railroad experts estimate that this will cost the government next year in the neighborhood of $100,000,000, which can be raised in large part by increased freights if the interstate commerce commission grants the roads' application for the 15 per cent rate increase now pending. Otherwise it will be paid largely out of the general government funds.

The interstate commerce commission and other government agencies which have to do with the railroads will continue to perform their functions as heretofore, except that they will be subject to orders of the director of railroads.

SCHEME FOLLOWS BRITISH SYSTEM.

The president makes it clear that his decision was not made because of any failure on the part of the railroads to perform their whole duty insofar as they could while hampered as they were by legal restriction.

"The committee of railroad executives," said his statement, " * * * have done the utmost that it was possible for them to do, but there were difficulties they neither could escape nor neutralize. * * * In mere fairness to them the full authority of the government must be substituted."

The plan of control as outlined in the proclamation and statement leaves much unsaid as to details, but the general scheme appears to follow closely the British system. In England, however, government freight is carried free and the guaranteed earnings required an enormous amount of money from government funds, while in the United States the government will pay for its freight as in the past and will stand its part of increased freight tariffs if they are found to be necessary.

Aside from the president's statement there was no comment in the capital tonight on the government's move. Secretary McAdoo declined to be quoted and members of the railroads' war board said they would have no statement to make until tomorrow.

STATEMENT BY WILSON.

The president's statement follows:

"I have exercised the powers over the transportation systems of the country which were granted me by the act of congress of August, 1916, because it has become imperatively necessary for me to do so. This is a war of resources no less than of men, perhaps, even more than of men, and it is necessary for the complete mobilization of our resources that the transportation systems of the country should be organized and employed under a single authority and a simplified method of co-ordination which have not proved possible under private management and control. The committee of railway executives who have been co-operating with the government in this all-important matter have done the utmost that it was possible for them to do, have done it with patriotic zeal and with great ability, but there were difficulties that they could neither escape nor neutralize.

"Complete unity of administration in the present circumstances involves upon occasion and at many points a serious dislocation of earnings and the committee was, of course, without power or authority to rearrange charges or effect proper compensations and adjustments of earnings. Several roads which were willingly and with admirable public spirit accepting the orders of the committee have already suffered from these circumstances and should not be required to suffer further. In mere fairness to them the full authority of the government must be substituted. The government itself will thereby gain an immense increase of efficiency in the conduct of the war and the innumerable activities upon which its successful conduct depends.

PUBLIC INTEREST MUST BE FIRST.

"The public interest must be first served and, in addition, the financial interests of the government and the financial interests of the railways must be brought under a common direction. The financial operations of the railways need not then interfere with the borrowings of the government and they themselves can be conducted at a greater advantage. Investors in railways securities may rest assured that their rights and interests will be as scrupulously looked after by the government as they could be by the directors of the several railway systems. Immediately upon the reassemblage of congress I shall recommend that these definite guarantees be given: First, of course, that the railway properties will be maintained during the period of federal control in as good repair and as complete equipment as when taken over by the government, and, second, that the roads shall receive a net operating income equal in each case to the average net income of the three years preceding June 30, 1917; and I am entirely confident that the congress will be disposed in this case, as in others, to see that justice is done and full security assured to the owners and creditors of the great systems which the government must now use under its own direction or else suffer serious embarrassment.

"The secretary of war and I are agreed that, all the circumstances being taken into consideration, the best results can be obtained under the immediate executive direction of the Honorable William G. McAdoo, whose practical experience peculiarly fits him for the service and whose authority as secretary of the treasury will enable him to co-ordinate as no other man could the many financial interests which will be involved and which might, unless systematically directed, suffer very embarrassing entanglements.

PRIVATE OPERATION PROVES FAILURE.

"The government of the United States is the only great government now engaged in the war which has not already assumed control of this sort. It was thought to be in the spirit of American institutions to attempt to do everything that was necessary through private management, and if zeal and ability and patriotic motive could have accomplished the necessary unification of administration it would certainly have been accomplished; but no zeal or ability could overcome insuperable obstacles, and I have deemed it my duty to recognize that fact in all candor now that it is demonstrated, and to use without reserve the great authority reposed in me. A great national necessity dictated the action, and I was therefore not at liberty to abstain from it. WOODROW WILSON."

PROCLAMATION BY PRESIDENT.

Following is the president's proclamation:

"BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"A PROCLAMATION:

"Whereas, The congress of the United States, in the exercise of the constitutional authority vested in them, by joint resolution of the senate and house of representatives, bearing date April 6, 1917, resolved:

"That the state of war between the United States and the imperial German government which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared; and that the president be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the imperial German government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the congress of the United States.

"And by joint resolution bearing date of December 7, 1917, resolved:

"That a state of war is hereby declared to exist between the United States of America and the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government; and that the president be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government, and to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the congress of the United States.

"And whereas, it is provided by Section 1 of the act approved August 29, 1916, entitled 'an act making appropriations for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes' as follows:

"The president, in time of war, is empowered, through the secretary of war, to take possession and assume control of any system or systems of transportation, or any part thereof, and to utilize the same, to the exclusion as far as may be necessary of all other traffic thereon, for the transfer or transportation of troops, war material and equipment, or for such other purposes connected with the emergency as may be needful or desirable.

NECESSARY FOR DEFENSE.

"And whereas it has now become necessary in the national defense to take possession and assume control of certain systems of transportation and to utilize the same, to the exclusion as far as may be necessary of other than war traffic thereon, for the transportation of troops, war material and equipment therefor, and for other needful and desirable purposes connected with the prosecution of the war;

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, under and by virtue of the powers vested in me by the foregoing resolutions and statute, and by virtue of all other powers thereto me enabling, do hereby, through Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, take possession and assume control at 12 o'clock noon on the 28th day of December, 1917, of each and every system of transportation and the appurtenances thereof located wholly or in part within the boundaries of the continental United States and consisting of railroads, and owned or controlled systems of coastwise and inland transportation, engaged in general transportation, whether operated by steam or by electric power, including also terminals, terminal companies and terminal associations, sleeping and parlor cars, private cars and private car lines, elevators, warehouses, telegraph and telephone lines and all other equipment and appurtenances commonly used upon or operated as a part of such rail or combined rail and water systems or transportation; to the end that such system of transportation be utilized for the transfer and transportation of troops, war material and equipment, to the exclusion so far as may be necessary of all other traffic thereon; and that so far as the exclusive use be not necessary or desirable, such systems of transportation be operated and utilized in the performance of such other services as the national interest may require and of the usual and ordinary business and duties of common carriers.

"It is hereby directed that the possession, control, operation and utilization of such transportation systems hereby by me undertaken shall be exercised by and through William G. McAdoo, who is hereby appointed and designated director general of railroads. Said director may perform the duties imposed upon him so long and to such extent as he shall determine, through the boards of directors, receivers, officers and employees of said systems of transportation. Until and except so far as said director shall from time to time by general or special orders otherwise provide, the boards of directors, receivers, officers and employees of the various transportation systems shall continue the operation thereof in the usual and ordinary course of the business of common carriers, in the names of their respective companies.

"Until and except so far as said director shall from time to time otherwise by general or special orders determine such systems of transportation shall remain subject to all existing statutes and order of the interstate commerce commission, and to all statutes and orders of regulating commissions of the various states in which said systems or any part thereof may be situated. But any orders, general or special, hereafter made by said director, shall have paramount authority and be obeyed as such.

LOCAL ELECTRIC LINES SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED.

"Nothing herein shall be construed as now affecting the provision, operation and control of street electric passenger railways, including railways commonly called interurbans, whether such railways be or be not owned or controlled by such railroad companies or systems. By subsequent order and proclamation, if and when it shall be found necessary or desirable, possession, control or operation may be taken of all or any part of such street railway systems, including subways and tunnels; and by subsequent order and proclamation possession, control and operation in whole or in part may also be relinquished to the owners thereof of any part of the railroad systems or rail and water systems, possession and control of which are hereby assumed.

"The director shall as soon as may be after having assumed such possession and control enter upon negotiations with the several companies looking to agreements for just and reasonable compensation for the possession, use and control of their respective properties in the basis of an annual guaranteed compensation, above accruing depreciation and the maintenance of their properties, equivalent, as nearly as may be, to the average of the net operating income thereof for the three-year period ending June 30, 1917, the results of such negotiations to be reported to me for such action as may be appropriate and lawful.

"But nothing herein contained, expressed or implied, or hereafter done or suffered hereunder, shall be deemed in any way to impair the rights of the stockholders, bondholders, credits and other persons having interests in said systems of transportation or in the profits thereof, to receive just and adequate compensation for the use and control and operation of their property hereby assumed.

"Regular dividends hitherto declared, and maturing interest upon bonds, debentures and other obligations, may be paid in due course; and such regular dividends and interest may continue to be paid until and unless the said director shall from time to time otherwise, by general or special orders, determine; and, subject to the approval of the director, the various carriers may agree upon and arrange for the renewal and extension of maturing obligations.

LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST ROADS.

"Except with the prior written assent of said director, no attachment by mesne process or execution shall be levied on or against any of the property used by any of said transportation systems in the conduct of their business as common carriers; but suits may be brought by and against said carriers and judgments rendered as hitherto until and except so far as said director may, by general or special orders, otherwise determine.

"From and after 12 o'clock on said 28th day of December, 1917, all transportation systems included in this order and proclamation shall conclusively be deemed within the possession and control of said director without further act or notice. But for the purpose of accounting said possession and control shall date from 12 o'clock midnight on December 31, 1917.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done by the president, through Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, in the District of Columbia, this twenty-sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-second.

"WOODROW WILSON,
"NEWTON D. BAKER,
"Secretary of War.

"By the president,
"ROBERT LANSING,
"Secretary of State."

CitizensLunches Will Begin Today at New Y. W. C. A.

In order that many of Atlanta's representative citizens may see the beautiful new headquarters of the Young Woman's Christian association, located in the Arcade building, and that such citizens may become better acquainted with what Atlanta is doing for her girls through the medium of the association, the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. is giving today the first of a series of subscription "citizens' luncheons" that will continue through Friday and Saturday of this week. Each day the luncheon will be served promptly at 12:30 o'clock, the guests to be seated in the spacious new Y. W. C. A. cafeteria that will open to the public after New Year's day.

The hostesses for the luncheon series will be the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A., Mrs. Archibald Davis, president, and the board of directors of the war work council, Y. W. C. A., Mrs. Emily C. McDougald, chairman.

In charge of today's luncheon will be the woman's entertainment and reception committee of the commission on training camp activities, Mrs. B. M. Boykin, chairman. Luncheon invitations have been extended to and accepted by the executive committee and round table of the camp activities, the invitations for today being sent out jointly by Mrs. Boykin and Mrs. Davis.

The program will be in the nature of one of the interesting meetings of Mrs. Boykin's committee, the general discussion to partake of the work of Atlanta's women and of how they are meeting and solving the problems of the hour.

Friday, December 28, the second luncheon will be given by the Y. W. C. A. board of directors to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the safety committee and to the Presidents' club. Saturday, December 29, 12:30 o'clock, the Y. W. C. A. board of directors will entertain the members of the city council and the board of education.

Banks of Statesboro Gave Double Holiday

Statesboro, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—For the first time in their history the banks of Statesboro were closed on Christmas eve. This was probably due to the fact that Christmas came on Tuesday, and in order to give the employees an opportunity to visit their homes away from Statesboro, having Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, this plan was adopted. The banking houses were opened Saturday night to receive deposits from the merchants.

BIG PROFITS MADE BY COAL OPERATORS

Controller Garfield Admits to Senate Committee—He Says Railroads Have Nullified Much of His Work.

Washington, December 26.—Much of the effect of the fuel administrator's work has been nullified, Fuel Administrator Garfield told the senate committee investigating the coal situation today, by the transportation tie-up. He said little general relief could be expected until the railroads were put under one management and that if the war continued a long time it would be necessary for the government to take over the coal supply and parcel it out equitably.

The administrator's efforts have been directed to a great extent to the stimulation of production to meet demands of the war, but Dr. Garfield said, because of the traffic congestion "the more we produced the more trouble we added to the railroads." The normal 10 per cent increase over the production of last year has been maintained, he added, though the war has brought demand for an additional 10 per cent over the 1916 output, which has not been met.

In the past few days the private consumer has been given more consideration than heretofore, Dr. Garfield explained. At first the main idea was to supply the government and the railroads, but with the suffering due to the shortage in many places, he said, the administration recently had devoted most of its time to attempting to get coal to places where it was most needed.

"We are giving it to the people first now," he said. "With a discontented people we could not make much progress in the war."

Conditions already are better, he stated, though the situation is not well in hand and will not be until transportation facilities are greatly improved.

Coal Operators Getting Rich.

In an effort to alleviate conditions, he said, the fuel administration was laying emphasis on stimulating production rather than regulating price.

"When the operators complain that prices fixed by the president are too low, we are inclined to give them the benefit of the doubt," Dr. Garfield said.

Senator Kenyon asked the administrator if he had information of dividends of some of the large operators and he answered that he had no accurate figures on them and could not furnish them. He knew, however, that big profits were being made, but believed it necessary to stimulate production.

Senator Vardaman, a member of the committee, insisted that the operators were "plundering and robbing" the people and the whole power of the fuel administration should be employed to stop it.

"If the war continues long enough the government will be compelled to pool all coal and sell at reasonable prices," Dr. Garfield said.

"Assuming it will last a long time don't you think it should be done now?" asked Senator Vardaman.

"It would be bad during the winter."

"The situation couldn't be much worse," said the senator.

Conservation to Meet Demands.

Explaining that he believed that extra demands due to the war could be filled almost entirely through conservation, the administrator told of difficulties that beset the administration at almost every hand in trying to bring this about. The plan to eliminate entirely electric signs was dropped, he said, when it was found how many people were either directly or indirectly reliant upon the business for a livelihood, and he and his assistants were surprised when they found how little coal it takes to maintain the electric signs of a large city.

An appreciable saving, he said, had resulted from the plan of having competitors in certain industries agree to an equitable curtailment of output. This was a better plan, he believed, than of eliminating manufacture of so-called non-essentials.

Dr. Garfield completed his testimony today and tomorrow Ohio officials are to appear. Dr. Garfield said the recent trouble in Ohio over the coal shortage was "largely psychological." By a priority order coal was shipped through the state to the lakes at a time when needed in some Ohio sections, he said, and the people became aroused when they saw it moving through and in some instances appropriated it.

LAWSON IS NAMED DEPUTY DISTRIBUTOR.

Washington, December 26.—Appointment of D. R. Lawson as first deputy distributor of the fuel administration, was announced today as another step in the plan of decentralization to promote more effective co-operation between the administration, the producers and the railroads. Mr. Lawson will be assigned to the Fairmont district of West Virginia. Others will be appointed in each producing district and each case will be familiar with the coal industry and acceptable to the producers.

The duty of the deputy is to facilitate the shipment of coal to meet emergencies on requests and orders from the United States fuel administrator and from the state fuel administrator, to make equitable allotment of such orders among operators, and to keep the fuel administration at Washington informed of conditions in each producing district.

The plan contemplates also the designation of a railroad representative to advise with the deputy distributor in each producing district. The executive committee of the American Railway association has been asked through its chairman, Fairfax Harrison, to co-operate by appointing such representatives.

COAL CONSUMERS MUST CONSERVE.

New York, December 26.—A national coal shortage, due to the wiping out of the reserve supply and the increased consumption, is an "actual fact" and must be faced by the small consumer with the practice of the "utmost conservation," according to a report of the New York state fuel conservation committee filed today with State Fuel Administrator Wiggin.

The committee has devised a plan for the distribution of coal on the "card system" basis and recommends its adoption as a conservation measure.

"Careful investigation develops the fact that the present shortage of coal in New York state and more especially Greater New York, is a general condition existing throughout the United States and not peculiar to this state alone," the report says.

"It is a fact that more coal has been mined during the past year than in any previous year in the history of the country. Investigations show that all this fuel has already been consumed. There is no large reserve of fuel anywhere in the Unitd States. Rumors to the effect that there are large stocks and that the railroads have large reserve supplies are all proved to be false. There are no reserve supplies worthy of the name."

Gray Fox Is Caught in Campbell County

Last night B. C. Cochran, of 218 Kirkwood avenue, brought home the largest gray fox seen in many years, which was captured after a two-hour chase west of Fairburn, Ga., in Campbell county, on Wednesday morning. The fox weighed fully 25 pounds. Six dogs were used in the chase.

The fox was first jumped on Christmas night, but the dogs lost the track. While rabbit hunting Wednesday morning the dogs again struck Mr. Reynard's trail and chased him down. It is the first wild fox caught around this section in many years.

Mr. Cochran was accompanied by his brother, Charlie Cochran, of Fairburn, on the hunt.

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A day's use will usually overcome the ordinary cough and for bronchitis, croup, whooping cough and bronchial asthma, there is nothing better.

Pinex is a most valuable concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and has been used for generations to break up severe coughs.

To avoid disappointment, be sure to ask your druggist for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with full directions, and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Thief Smashes Auto Then Phones Police

Wednesday night at 10 o'clock an automobile accident was reported to the police over the phone, presumably by an automobile thief, supposed to have stolen an Oldsmobile car owned by C. D. Howard, 735 Piedmont street, and run it into a street car at Forrest and Boulevard.

Police looked up the car number given by the person over the phone and got in touch with the owner, Mr. Howard stated that he left his car at the curb outside his door less than an hour before the accident was reported. Passengers reported the driver of the c to have run immediately following t collision. No one could be found wh had reported the accident to headquar ters. Policemen H. T. Turner and S H. Gresham answered the call.

British Cost of Living Up 106 Per Ct. Since War

London, December 26.—The cost of living in Great Britain has risen 106 per cent since the war, according to official figures presented in the house of commons.

Cuticura Healed Blisters on Face

Neck, Arms and Face Covered. Lost Sleep on Account of Itching Burning and Pain. Used a Box of Ointment and a Cake of Soap.

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"I happened to see an advertisement for Cuticura and I got a free sample. I could tell I was improving so I bought a box of Cuticura Ointment and a cake of Cuticura Soap which healed me." (Signed) Miss Blanche J. Williams, 304 Wiley St., Princeton, W. Va., March 5, 1917.

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Preinventory sale on ALL CANDIES, including Christmas packages, at 25 per cent discount from the regular prices.

Order Ahead

We will be closed ALL DAY on New Year's Day, next Tuesday, and it will be well to place next week's orders well ahead. Get what you need Friday and Saturday.

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Food Will Win the War—Don't Waste It

TEXANS GIVE FLOGGING TO SIX GERMAN FARMERS

It Is Alleged the Victims Had Refused to Join the Red Cross.

Brenham, Texas, December 26.—Six farmers of German descent who refused to join the Red Cross were taken from their wagons and flogged by a committee of Brenham citizens who acted in daylight and without masks, it became known with the close of the membership campaign today. The whippings occurred at various times during the campaign.

A large proportion of Washington county's population is of German derivation. The Red Cross campaign moved slowly at first. Later a meeting was held in Brenham at which a fund of $250 was raised to buy memberships for those unable to purchase them, and an armful of buggy whips was obtained for use on those able to buy, but who would not.

The six farmers who refused to join reconsidered after being whipped. The close of the campaign found Washington county exceeding its quota by 1,000 members.

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CONSPIRACY TO POISON RED CROSS BANDAGES

And Spread Wholesale Death Among Soldiers of America and Entente.

Cleveland, Ohio, December 26.—A plot to poison Red Cross bandages and spread wholesale death among the soldiers of America and her allies has been frustrated here.

Revelations of the conspiracy were made today when it became known that department of justice agents were hunting the perpetrators of the deed.

More than three thousand surgical dressings, rolled by patriotic women in Toledo, were infected with a mysterious greenish poison while in transit between Toledo and Cleveland.

Every effort was made to keep the matter secret, and it was successful until today. The box of bandages arrived here from the Toledo chapter last week and was taken to the warehouse. While women were examining the contents a dark greenish substance was noticed on one of them. Investigation showed that all of the bandages in the box had been treated with poison.

STIFF ORDER GIVEN BAKER TO CLOTHE U. S. TROOPS

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Camps in South Approved.

Location of training camps in the south was strongly approved by General O'Ryan. Although most of the men in his camp are from northern states, General O'Ryan said they have thrived in the south and been able to secure better and longer training because of the shorter winter season.

Food served the drafted men, General O'Ryan said, has been satisfactory. There was very little ground for complaint, he said, and that only regarding preparation, not quality or quantity.

Senator Hitchcock said he had heard that in some camp hospitals there are not enough nurses. General O'Ryan said he thought there was no trouble in that respect at Camp Wadsworth.

A letter from a constituent at Omaha was read by Senator Hitchcock which said that with many men dying at Camp Demins, N. M., from pneumonia—eight to ten a day—there were few nurses.

Blankets furnished the camps, General O'Ryan said, do not seem to be of as good quality as formerly, although there has been no formal complaint.

"Generally speaking, we have ample property of all kinds for training purposes," he said, "but not enough for campaign." His division is better equipped than others, General O'Ryan said, because of earlier organization and the Mexican border service.

Officers from reserve training camps, according to General O'Ryan, had been found "very satisfactory, zealous and interested, although lacking experience."

Year Needed for Training.

"With your knowledge of conditions abroad do you think your division is trained enough to go abroad?" asked Senator Chamberlain.

"I'd rather see them get another couple of months," General O'Ryan answered. "The training that General Pershing has established, of accustoming men to shellfire, is very valuable."

"Do you think it is possible for us to supply too much artillery?" asked Senator Weeks.

"No, sir, it is no possible," General O'Ryan replied.

Senator Kirby asked how long, broadly speaking, inexperienced men should be trained before going into actual fighting.

"Roughly, a year should be the minimum," said General O'Ryan.

Senator Chamberlain observed that a distinguished American had said not very long ago that a million men could be raised over night.

"What chance in this war would such men have?" he asked.

"No chance at all," General O'Ryan answered. "All the officers over there said there is no get-rich-quick method to military efficiency."

Major Generals Wright and Greble or Quartermaster General Sharpe will testify tomorrow.

COLD COMES WITH NO COAL IN CITY

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Kennedy has received letters or telegrams from five of the leading coal operators supplying Atlanta, stating that they are ready and willing to ship their coal to Atlanta, but that the railroads will not haul coal except for their own use, despite the order of the fuel administration for the shipment of coal to Atlanta.

Requests Are Fruitless.

In a telegram received by the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce fuel committee Wednesday morning, it was stated that "mere requests for coal on the fuel administration amount to nothing:"

"On Thursday morning, the fuel administrators wired nineteen coal mining companies for coal shipments to Atlanta, and also wired five railroads to speed coal cars then in transit. Answers from coal companies indicate most favorable response, with assurance that shipments are being made. You should be receiving coal today. Arrangements which we made the latter part of November would have kept Atlanta in coal if they had not been diverted from their agreement by communications and suggestions not passing through my office or Mr. Henry Kennedy. Advise if you are without coal.

"Dealers to whom coal has been shipped should know the location of cars," the telegram continues. "Railroads will speed delivery, request having been made to this effect by the fuel administration, and coal dealers in Atlanta should call the railroads' attention to particular cars when delayed.

"It is a matter of continued daily detailed attention if coal is to be furnished under existing circumstances. Mere requests for coal on fuel administration here amount to nothing."

Chamber Appeals Again.

The chamber of commerce, however, has sent another appeal in the following telegram:

"No domestic coal in Atlanta. Small quantity run of mines. Five leading coal companies Tennesse and Kentucky advises Kennedy and dealers railroads are taking entire product under order five.

"Randall has five cars en route, needs ten daily.

"Atlantic Ice six cars shipped in three days; need ten daily.

"Campbell none shipped in ten days; usual sources. Got run of mines outside sources which arriving six cars daily.

"Jellico Coal company, six cars coming.

"Rule five rendered administrators' request ineffective."

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ITALIANS ADVANCE, BUT FAIL TO RETAIN CAPTURED GROUND

Invaders Were Driven From Several Positions, But by Renewed Onslaughts Forced Back the Italians.

New York, December 26.—(By Associated Press. From European Cables of the Day.)—Except on the northern Italian front the military operations continue far below normal. In France, where snow has fallen along the entire front, only bombardments and small raiding operations are taking place.

West of the Brenta river in the Italian highlands the Italians, Christmas day, continued their counter attacks upon the Austro-German forces which previously had succeeded in making gains on Col del Rosso and Monte de Val Bella. The battle waged throughout the morning with great violence and the Italians wrested several of their former positions from the enemy, but owing to renewed onslaughts by the Teutonic allied forces they were again compelled to give ground.

The Berlin war office admits that the Italians threw heavy counter attacks against the invaders on the Col del Rosso and neighboring sectors, but asserts that all of them broke down under heavy losses.

ARTILLERY FIRING REPORTED HEAVY ON WESTERN LINE

Berlin, December 26.—(Via London.) There was increased artillery activity yesterday southeast of Ypres, on the Belgian front, and near Moeuvres and Marcoing, on the Cambrai front, it was officially announced today by the German war office. French detachments reconnoitering south of Juvincourt were repulsed after hand-to-hand fighting. The statement reads:

"Western Theater: The artillery activity was limited to destructive fire which at times increased in intensity southeast of Ypres and in the neighborhood of Moeuvres and Marcoing.

"Reconnaissances by French detachments south of Juvincourt broke down under our fire and in hand-to-hand fighting.

"The firing which had increased for some days on the east bank of the Meuse (Verdun region) was discontinued yesterday."

Berlin, December 26.—(Via London.) Concerning the Russian and Macedonian battle fronts the official German statement given out today says:

"Eastern Theater: There was nothing new.

"Macedonia: There was nothing important to report."

FRENCH SILENCE GERMAN BATTERIES.

Paris, December 26.—"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the energetic reply of our batteries put an end to a vigorous bombardment of our lines in the region of Bezonvaux," says today's official communication.

"In the region of St. Quentin and in upper Alsace French patrols penetrated German trenches and brought back prisoners.

"Everywhere else the night was calm."

London, December 26.—"There was nothing special to report on the British front in France yesterday," says the official statement issued by the war office.

The war office communication issued this evening says:

"With the exception of hostile artillery activity in the neighborhood of Havincourt and to the eastward of Ypres there is nothing of interest to report.

"Snow has fallen along the whole front."

ITALIANS UNABLE TO HOLD POSITIONS THEY RECAPTURED

Rome, December 26.—Col del Rosso and Monte Val Bella on the Asiago plateau were recaptured by Italian forces in a counter attack yesterday, but it was found impossible to hold them, the war office announced today.

An Austro-German attack was launched between Col del Rosso and the Frenzella valley. The enemy, however, was not able to advance beyond Sasso (close beside the Col del Rosso height).

The text of the official statement reads:

"The struggle on the Asiago plateau was resumed at dawn yesterday. The enemy concentrated his efforts on our extreme right between Col del Rosso and Van Frenzala-Maise. Held frontally, he was unable to advance beyond the dwelling of Sasso.

"Our Costalunga and our Monte Melaga troops several times renewed their attacks on Col del Rosso and on Monte de Val Bella, which they recaptured, but weer unable to retain. In the afternoon the fighting diminished in intensity.

"On the left bank of the Brenta an attempted attack to the west of Ostell and of Osteria Il Lepre was promptly checked by our barrage."

TEUTONS REPULSE ITALIAN ATTACKS.

Berlin, December 26.—(Via London.) Violent counter attacks against the Austro-German positions on Col del Rosso and neighboring heights on both sides broke down yesterday with heavy losses, says the official statement issued today by the German general staff.

The statement reads:

"Italian Front: After strong artillery preparation the enemy violently counter attacked on Col del Rosso and the neighboring heights to the westward and to the eastward, but the assaults broke down with heavy losses."

FRANK ADAIR BEATS HIGH COSTA LIVING WITH BEAR STEAKS

Frank Adair yesterday came to the relief of more than a score of his Hooverized friends and smashed the high cost of living for them in a novel way.

Several weeks ago he and a party of friends went on a trip into the Florida Everglades in quest of big game, and Mr. Adair proved himself a great hunter by bagging one of the biggest bears ever killed in that state, the big fellow tipping the scales at 585 ponds.

In accordance with a plan he devised the bear was shipped to Atlanta and placed in cold storage. Yesterday, under his direction it was removed to the Union Meat market at 15 West Alabama street and cut up into generous portions, which he sent to his friends with the greetings of the season.

And now these grateful recipients are eating savory bear steaks and envying Daniel Boone the days in which he lived.

MORTUARY

L. D. Eaves.

L. D. Eaves, 24 years old, died Tuesday morning at the base hospital at Fort McPherson. The body was removed to the chapel of Harry G. Poole.

Gilbert Powers.

Gilbert Powers, 23 years old, died Tuesday morning at the base hospital at Fort McPherson. The body was removed to the chapel of Harry G. Poole.

Robert L. Banks.

Robert L. Banks, 69 years old, died Tuesday morning at the residence, 124 Kirkwood avenue. He is survived by his wife. The body was removed to the chapel of H. M. Patterson & Son.

Miss Amanda Ray.

Miss Amanda Ray, 72 years old, died Tuesday night at the residence of her niece, Mrs. R. C. Tucker, 27 Plum street. The body was removed to the chapel of Awtry & Lowndes.

Giles Beacham.

Giles Beacham, the 10-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Beacham, died Wednesday morning at the residence in Macon, Ga. The body was brought to Atlanta and carried to the chapel of Awtry & Londes.

Cirnelia Curatola.

Cirnelia Curatola, 22 years old, died Monday at the regimental hospital at Camp Gordon. The body was removed to the chapel of H. M. Patterson & Son, pending word from his relatives in Nova Scotia.

Cleveland Owens.

Cleveland Owens, a member of the twenty-first company of the 157th Depot brigade, died Tuesday morning at the regimental hospital at Camp Gordon. The body was removed to the chapel of H. M. Patterson & Son.

Mrs. C. H. Pritchett.

Mrs. Carrie Harden Pritchett, 55 years old, died Wednesday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. LeRoy Smith, 109 Lawton street. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. LeRoy Smith and Misses Jessie and Claude Harden. The body was removed to the chapel of Barclay & Brandon.

Frances Jones.

Frances, the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jones, died Wednesday morning at the residence in College Park. She is survived by three sisters, Katherine, Dorothy and Charlotte Jones, and one brother, Robert Jones. The body was removed to Hemperley's chapel at East Point.

J. B. Dodge, Sr.

J. B. Dodge, Sr., 69 years old, died Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the residence, 291 Ormond street. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. J. Eason and Mrs. H. A. Dalton, and four sons, W. R., J. B., J. P. and Mercer Dodge. The body was removed to the chapel of Barclay & Brandon.

Mrs. Etta Mote.

Mrs. Etta Mote, 29 years old, died Wednesday morning at the residence, 138 Wellington street. She is survived by her husband, D. V. Mote; her mother, Mrs. Fannie Speer; three sisters, Misses May and Allie Speer and Mrs. R. M. Wallace, and two brothers, E. A. and Joseph Speer. The body was removed to the chapel of Hunter & Hemperley.

Joseph Riney.

Joseph Riney, 79 years old, died Wednesday morning at the residence, 40 First avenue, Kirkwood. He is survived by his wife, four daughters, Mrs. L. R. Dickle, Mrs. C. R. Bettes, Mrs. William Christie, Mrs. Eugene LeMoine and Miss Mary Riney; three sons, H. R., E. A. and William Riney. The body was removed to the chapel of H. M. Patterson & Son.

W. P. Burke.

W. P. Burke, 71 years old, died Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock at the residence in Forest Park. He is survived by his wife, four sons, J. S., T. F., H. W. and J. W. Burke, and two daughters, Mrs. T. S. Cates and Mrs. J. L. Mitchell, all of Forest Park. The body was removed to the chapel of A. C. Hemperley at East Point.

Mrs. J. H. Strickland.

Waycross, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. H. Strickland, 76 years old, died Monday at the home of her son, L. J. Strickland, two miles southeast of the city. She is survived by her husband, five sons, T. J., of Berrien county; J. F., of Blackshear; B. L. and L. J., of Waycross, and W. O. Strickland, of Camden county; and two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Harris, of Waycross, and Mrs. W. A. King, who lives near Waycross.

PLANS TO CONSCRIPT BRITONS IN AMERICA

All British Subjects of Fighting Age Must Go Into Army.

New York, December 26.—Plans for the conscription of British subjects in the United States were described today by Sir Frederick Edwin Smith, attorney general of Great Britain, who arrived here yesterday to lay the matter before the government at Washington.

Arrangements to have British subjects of military years returned to their country of origin unless they have already joined military forces voluntarily have been made with virtually all of our allies," Sir Frederick said, "and we hope to make similar arrangements now for America."

After three years of the war, he said, it was found there were thousands of Russian Jews in London who had not joined the English forces and would not return to Russia because they said they feared political persecution there. They were given the option, he said, of going back or joining the British forces and were forced to do one or the other, despite the agitations they started.

"In fact, the British government had no choice, for public opinion absolutely refused to allow the forcible withdrawal of Englishmen from their business while aliens of military age, in the homely phrase, 'stole their jobs,'" Sir Frederick said.

TOBACCO IS NECESSITY, SAYS FOOD CONTROLLER

London, December 26.—Tobacco is a necessity, not a luxury, declares Lord Rhondda, the food controller, in a statement published here. "We must have tobacco," he says. "I believe that its loss would be a national misfortune. It means much, both to the manual laborer and to him who works with his brains. Men would eat a great deal more if they did not have tobacco. I hold that the deprivation of it would work great discomfort."

Some system of "rationing" tobacco, however, is forecast by the newspapers.

Street Car Pioneer Dead.

Brookline, Mass., December 26.—George Alvah Kittredge, a pioneer in the operation of street railways in India, died at his home here today, aged 84 years. Mr. Kittredge lived in Bombay for more than half a century, going there as a representative of consular interests soon after his graduation from Yale.

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GEN. BLISS TO REMAIN AS ARMY STAFF CHIEF

Wilson Orders Retention, Though Bliss Has Reached Age of Retirement.

Washington, December 26.—General Tasker H. Bliss will be retained on active service as chief of staff of the army after he reaches the retirement age next Monday, December 31.

Secretary Baker announced late today that this had been decided upon by President Wilson. It had been believed generally General Bliss would continue in active service, but that some younger officer would assume the burdens of the chief of staff.

Secretary Baker announced formally tonight that General Bliss would be recalled to active duty and reappointed chief of staff. He also said Major General Biddle would be continued as assistant chief of staff.

The decision to reappoint General Bliss is regarded in army circles as an extraordinary compliment, since it has rarely been the case in any army that a retired officer has headed the military machine.

The task of preparing the army for war has rested almost wholly on the shoulders of General Bliss from the start. Prior to his trip to Europe to attend the great war conference with Colonel House, officers who served with him feared his health would not stand the terrific strain. He has been almost continuously at his desk at all hours of the day and night. The European trip, however, not only put him into the closest possible touch with war conditions for which the country is preparing, but also served to give him a needed rest from the cares of his post, and he came back much refreshed.

General Bliss was assistant chief of staff when war was declared. Major General Scott, chief of staff, was sent with former Senator Root to Russia soon after the declaration, however, and the work of army building devolved upon the assistant, to be continued when he was appointed chief on General Scott's retirement.

On his return from Europe, General Bliss reported verbally to the president on the deliberations of the allied conference, extending his statements later in a carefully prepared written report. Mr. Baker's announcement of the president's decision to override any army precedent and reappoint the chief of staff indicates what impression the officer made upon the commander-in-chief.

In addition to his other duties, the general is senior army member of Secretary Baker's new war council. One of the tasks of that body, it was learned tonight, is the formulation of recommendations for legislation needed by the army. The council has been in daily session with Mr. Baker since its creation and has already framed such recommendations, which will soon be laid before congress.

KAISER JUST ESCAPED BRITISH AIR RAIDERS

German Emperor Left Mannheim Only Hour Before Raiders Arrived.

Geneva, December 26.—The German emperor, returning with his staff from the Verdun front, had a narrow escape during the reprisal raid of a British air squadron on Mannheim, Christmas eve, according to a dispatch from Basel. Only about an hour earlier the emperor's special train left the station, which was partly destroyed by several bombs. A section of the tracks was torn up, cutting communication north.

In fact, the emperor's train was the last to leave Mannheim, and no trains arrived at Basel yesterday from that city. Two bombs fell on the palace and one on the suspension bridge across the Neckar river, both structures being badly damaged. An ammunition factory in a northern suburb was blown up. Few persons were killed here, however, as the employees were having a holiday. A considerable number of persons were killed or injured within the town, and several were blown into the Rhine.

MOTHER AND THREE SONS BURNED IN BEDROOMS

Wilkesbarre, Pa., December 26.—Mrs. Andrew Snifko and her three sons, one of whom was home on furlough from Camp Meade, was burned to death in their bedroom at their home in Edwardsville early today. John Snifko, the oldest boy, was a private in company A, 311th Machine Gun battalion.

The father, the only survivor of the family, who was reading in the dining room, discovered the flames on the second floor. It is believed the fire was started by a lighted lamp igniting a curtain.

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"I suffered for weeks and weeks from indigestion and stomach trouble, became so run-down and suffered such awful pains in my stomach and back—kidneys all 'shot to pieces'—always tired, naturally weak because I could not eat any solid food.

"You know I am an engineer, and a fellow following this business needs not only all his strength, but his nerve has to stay with him also.

"How am I now? Well, son, I am in just about as good shape as I ever was. I took three or four bottles of Vitona, and for two years I have been YOUNG AND STRONG AGAIN—I don't have that 'tired feeling' any more. Yes, sir, I'll tell you just what I have told lots of folks—'Vitona will sure get right down after your troubles and will put more 'pep and ginger" in a fellow than anything I know of. My kidneys are O. K. now—I can eat anything that is passed up to me and never feel ill effects from it.'

"My nerves, did you say?

"Now, I just wish you would crawl up on that big bunch of steel that I drive over the rails from here to Columbus and watch how quiet and calm I am—just like a boy. Sometimes we get late on our schedule and I have to lead that string of coaches a pretty lively clip in order to nose in on time, but I can throw my old 'eight wheeler' wide open now and feel just as safe, or more so, than did 'Casey Jones' on his famous Frisco run.

"I cheerfully and honestly advise everybody who feels as I did to take Vitona."

Vitona is on sale at E. H. Cone's drug stores.—(adv.)

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Do not delay a minute if your back aches or you are sore across the loins or have difficulty when urinating. Go to your druggist at once and get a box of imported GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. They are pleasant and easy to take. They dissolve in the stomach and the kidneys soak up the oil like a sponge does water. They thoroughly cleanse and wash out the bladder and kidneys and throw off the inflammation which is the cause of the trouble. Your druggist will cheerfully refund your money if you are not satisfied after a few days' use. Accept only the pure, original GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. None other genuine.—(adv.)

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SOCIETY

Miss Lillian Jocelyn At U. D. C.

This afternoon, promptly at 3 o'clock, Atlanta chapter, U. D. C., will hold its usual holiday meeting at the Woman's club room. Mrs. T. T. Stevens, president, who has been absent from the chapter meetings on account of the illness of Mr. Stevens, the past six weeks, will preside, and the decoration will be in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

A short business routine will precede the program.

Miss Lillian Jocelyn, who is a guest of Mrs. W. S. Coleman, first vice president, will talk informally of her experiences as a Red Cross nurse at the front. Miss Jocelyn is an American woman who has been "over there" two years as a nurse, first with the English and then with the French field hospital. Her account of the trenches, of conditions in general, is most interesting. Miss Jocelyn will show interesting pictures in connection with her work, as well as interesting post cards of scenes on the firing line.

Mrs. W. S. Yeates, chairman of musical program, has arranged music suited to the occasion.

A large attendance is expected.

Porcher-Screven.

A pretty home wedding of Wednesday morning was that of Miss Marie Broughton Screven to Mr. Edward Palmer Porcher, of Charleston, S. C., which was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Proctor Wilson Screven, 56 Ponce de Leon place, Dr. C. B. Wilmer, of St. Luke's Episcopal church, officiating.

Only relatives witnessed the impressive ceremony, which was performed in the drawing room, where decorations were of poinsettia blossoms and smilax.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a smart suit of dark blue with small hat of gray velvet. Her flowers were of bride's roses and valley lilies.

A small reception was held after the ceremony, and Misses Mattie Seabrook and Katherine Stanford served punch.

Mr. and Mrs. Porcher left immediately for Charleston, where they will be at home to their friends.

Robinson-Smith.

Mrs. Minnie Scruggs Robinson has announced the marriage of her daughter, Jan, to Mr. Alfred Quentin Smith, of Philadelphia, which took place Tuesday afternoon at home. The ceremony was performed by Dr. C. B. Wilmer, of St. Luke Episcopal church, and there was present only a family party.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Lieutenant Walter McLaren Robinson, U. S. A., of Fort Oglethorpe.

She wore a becoming costume in dark blue velvet and her corsage bouquet was of orchids and valley lilies.

A dainty repast was served after the ceremony, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for a tour of eastern cities before going to their home in Philadelphia.

Pinkson-Stokes.

An interesting wedding of Wednesday evening was that of Miss Eleanor Pinkston to Captain Charles A. Stokes, which was solemnized at 5:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. F. Stokes in Ansley Park. The wedding was private, only the members of the families being present. Miss Annanette Blackburn was maid of honor; Miss Alethea Pinkston, sister of the bride, ring-bearer, and Captain J. E. Dunlap, of Camp Gordon, best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. W. Stokes, brother of the bridegroom.

Miss Pinkston is the daughter of Mr. W. L. Pinkston, of Greenville, Ga., and Captain Stokes is an officer in company K, 122d United States infantry (formerly Fifth Georgia regiment). Immediately after the wedding, the bridal couple left for a short trip to Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

Dinner-Dance.

Mrs. E. H. Clark entertained at a delightful dinner dance on Christmas night at her home on West Peachtree street, Miss Estelle Smith and Miss Mary White the guests of honor.

Those present were:

Miss Estell Smith, Miss Tuttle, Miss Bettie Bird, Miss Faye Starr, Miss Emma Powell, Miss Julia Clarke, Miss Bessie Powell, Miss Mary White, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Turner, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Clarke, Mr. Fortune, Mr. and Mrs. Stockton, Mr. Hill Powell, Mr. Ewell Lloyd, Mr. James White, Mr. Howard Clarke, Mr. Sam Smith, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. William Clarke.

Utopian Club.

The last regular dance for the year 1917 will be held Friday evening, December 28. All members and their friends are requested to be present.

On Monday, December 31, the club will repeat the New Year dansant. Admission will be by invitation, and dancing will continue from 10 p. m. until dawn.

Unique Club Dance.

The Unique club entertained its members and friends at an informal dance on Christmas night. The guests numbered about one hundred and fifty. The chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wynne, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby and Mr. and Mrs. Kimball.

The club will entertain at an informal dance on New Year's eve. Those wishing courtesies will see the secretary or one of the members.

Admission by card only.

Vandiver-Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Vandiver announce the marriage of their daughter, Ethel Lucile, to Mr. Harry T. Smith, of Detroit, Mich. The wedding took place at the First Baptist church, of Detroit, December 19, Rev. Thomas J. Villers officiating.

Miscellaneous Shower.

Misses Gertrude and Eloise Mott entertained Saturday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Leila Johnson, a bride-elect of Christmas week.

League Moves Headquarters.

The Atlanta branch, National League for Woman's Service, will move headquarters Friday from 172½ Peachtree street to 92 North Forsyth street, where the organization will occupy two floors. These floors were formerly occupied by the M. & M. club and their use has been given to the league by the owners, H. M. Patterson & Son. The league members will continue their entertainment of soldiers every Saturday afternoon. They will continue their work of securing homes for soldiers' families. Mrs. Marion Harper will continue her overseas relief work, in which she has been most successful. The motor service corps will have their headquarters at the National League for Woman's Service.

For Miss Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nelson will entertain a party at the dinner-dance Saturday evening at the driving club in compliment to their daughter, Miss Mary Nelson, who is spending the holidays at home.

Turkey Dinner.

The woman's auxiliary of the Crippled Children's home will serve a turkey dinner today in the restaurant in the Connolly building.

Terrace Dinner-Dance.

Brilliant among the Christmas week entertainments was the weekly dinner-dance at the Georgian Terrace last night in honor of the officers of Camp Gordon. Usually an informal affair, this week's dinner-dance, to celebrate Christmas, was made formal.

The largest dinner was that given by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Atkinson as a farewell to Brigadier General James B. Erwin, in command at Camp Gordon, who has been transferred to the command of a regular army division at Chickamauga.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson's guests were: General Erwin, Dr. and Mrs. Dunbar Roy, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Grant, Colonel and Mrs. W. L. Peel, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kiser, Dr. and Mrs. Watts, of Charlottesville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Howell, Jr.; Mrs. Richard W. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Little, Major and the Countess de Reviers.

The long table was set in the loggia between the two dining rooms, and its decoration was in small Christmas trees and Christmas favors.

Major and Mrs. John F. Daniels had as their guests at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Edward King Cook, Mrs. Charles Thompson, Captain Sidney Smith, and there were many others entertaining.

The entire reception floor was gay with the holiday wreaths, smilax, palms and bay trees, a background of green, and a big Christmas tree in the lobby facing the entrance expressed a cheery welcome.

Invitations Recalled.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bagley have recalled the invitations for the dance they were to give tonight for Mr. Henry Walker Bagley on account of the death of Mr. Hugh M. Bagley.

SOCIAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barrett, Jr., of Augusta, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Broyles for Christmas returned home yesterday.

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Major and Mrs. Churchill Mehard and Miss Brown Mehard, who are spending the holidays at their home in Sewickley, Pa., will return to Atlanta the middle of January.

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Lieutenant Harry M. Atkinson, Jr., who spent Christmas at home, left Tuesday night for Fortress Monroe, Va.

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Mr. Leonard Morrison arrived Christmas eve from Connecticut, where he is farming, and is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morrison.

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Mr. Lamar Collier, of New York, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Collier.

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Mr. and Mrs. John D. Little left last night for their plantation in Lee county.

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Colonel E. T. Donnelly returned yesterday to Camp Dix after spending Christmas with Mrs. Donnelly at the Georgian Terrace.

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Mrs. Edgar Pomeroy Brantley, of Savannah, will arrive today to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stow. Mrs. Brantley was Miss Florence Stow.

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Dr. and Mrs. Crosby Swanson are spending the holidays with their parents at Winston-Salem.

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Miss Julia Murphy is able to be out after a recent illness.

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Mr. Roger B. Gardien, of the Union Theological seminary, Columbia, S. C., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Gardien.

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Miss Frances Ellis will return January 8 to school in Washington, D. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Manley and children leave Saturday in their car to spend the holidays in Florida.

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Mrs. S. L. Mays has taken an apartment in the Russell on Seventeenth street.

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Miss Elizabeth Peeples, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Peeples, entertained sixteen of her friends at a pretty Christmas party at her home on Piedmont avenue, Monday afternoon.

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Miss Belle Beecher is recovering from a severe attack of tonsilitis and grippe.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Adams returned yesterday from their wedding trip and are at home with their mother, Mrs. Frank Potts.

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Miss Elizabeth Bryan, of Chicago, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bryan.

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Mr. William S. Goldsmith, Jr., of the University of Georgia, is spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Goldsmith.

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Mr. George L. Brine and Miss Josephine Brine, of Boston, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brine for the remainder of the winter.

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Lieutenant Noble S. Warren, wife and little daughter, are stopping with Captain Mark W. Johnson. Lieutenant Warren is stationed at Camp Gordon and is from Maryland.

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Mrs. E. Van Winkle is very ill at her home on West Peachtree street.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Ragan have returned from Blackshear, where they spent Christmas.

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Mrs. George C. Ball will return today to Montgomery, after a short visit with Mrs. Annie Mayo Dodd.

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Dr. and Mrs. Spencer R. Stone have as their guest for the holidays their niece, Miss Louise McKenzie, of the Northwestern University Settlement, Chicago.

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Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Atchison and Miss Marian Atchison have returned from a six weeks' visit in New York.

Profit-Sharing Plan Is a Great Success, Says Bankers' Trust

A profit-sharing plan inaugurated several months ago by the Bankers' Trust company, of Atlanta, has proved very successful in operation, according to a statement made yesterday by President W. D. Manley, and the institution is now enjoying the expected results of a higher standard of service and a greater degree of efficiency.

According to the plan, 10 per cent of the net profits are distributed among the employees when the net profits exceed 9 per cent. Participation is based on amount of salary at the end of the year, plus premium for time service percentage.

SOCIETY WOMEN LEARN NEW STUNT

Theater parties and other nightly diversions may now be enjoyed by Atlanta parents without apprehension as to the comfort and health of their croupy children. A twenty-five-cent jar of Eucapine Salve is the price of your peace of mind and the children's comfort and well-being. Get a jar today—enough for a whole winter's protection against croup, colds, coughs, sore throat, tonsilitis and threatened bronchitis and pneumonia.

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Tea-Dance at Driving Club Bright Event of Holidays

The Piedmont Driving club presented a gay scene yesterday afternoon, with its bright Christmas decorations and a company of 300 guests assembled for the tea-dance, the event one of the happiest of the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dexter entertained Judge and Mrs. William Bailey Lamar, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hockaday, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bryan, Miss Elizabeth Bryan, of Chicago; Dr. and Mrs. Willis Westmoreland, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Howell, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Butt, Mrs. Charles Northen. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Muse entertained for Miss Laura Jones, of Bangor, Me., the guest of Miss Alice Muse.

The party included Misses Jones and Alice Muse, Lieutenant Theodore Smith, Kendrick Smith, Lieutenant Hollis Lanier and Charles Orme.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nelson had in their party Miss Amy Baker, of Philadelphia, who is the guest of Captain and Mrs. Black; Misses Mary and Margaret Nelson, Messrs. William D. Ellis III and Bagley Wright.

Mrs. A. W. Calhoun entertained Mrs. Henry Hall, Mrs. J. G. Oglesby, Sr., Mrs. J. G. Oglesby, Jr., Mrs. Arnold Broyles and Mrs. Stuart Witham.

Mrs. R. W. Davis entertained a few young people of the school set for her daughter, Miss Emily Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis entertained a large party in honor of Miss Frances Ellis, who is spending the holidays at home, and of Ensign and Mrs. Henry Newman, of Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. George M. Brown had as her guests Mrs. Dyer, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Marion Harper, Mrs. Warner Martin, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. George Forrester and Mrs. George M. Brown, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dannals entertained in compliment to Lieutenant Frank Jones, of Pittsburg, Pa. Invited to meet him were Miss Helen McCarty, Miss Isoline Campbell, Colonel Kromer and Captain Shirley Olympus.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hunter had as their guests Major and Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Thompson and Captain Smith, of New York.

Mrs. Henry Collier entertained in compliment to her guests, Mrs. Wade Langston, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Henry L. Collier, Jr. The other members of the party were Mrs. Logan Williamson, Mrs. Floyd W. McRae, Miss May Haverty, Mrs. Gilliam Morrow and Mrs. Porter Langston.

Mr. and Mrs. Veazey Rainwater gave a party in honor of Lieutenant and Mrs. Raymond Demere, whose marriage was a recent interesting event. The guests included Lieutenant and Mrs. Demere, Mr. and Mrs. Dozier Lowndes, Mr. and Mrs. Winship Nunnally, Captain and Mrs. Horace Stringfellow, Captain and Mrs. Thomas Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Emerson Brown, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Miss Jennie Mobley, Miss Martha Edmondson, Dr. Edgar G. Ballenger, Mr. Norman Coolidge, Captain Clark Howell, Captain Howell Foreman, Lieutenant Ringold Davant and Lieutenant Sam Brown Lippett.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus T. Dodd entertained a party of six young people.

A congenial party together were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daniel, Mrs. G. S. Tigner, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff C. Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Spalding, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Phelan.

With Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White were Mrs. Guy Ayer and Captain and Mrs. Winder.

Miss Nina Hopkins entertained for her brother, Mr. John Hopkins, who is at home from Princeton for the holidays. There were eight guests.

Mrs. George Boynton entertained Mrs. Blair and Miss Blair, of New York, and Mrs. Newton Craig.

Others having guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hunnicutt, Major Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, Mrs. Charles Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hammond, Mrs. W. W. Banks and Mr. Cator Woolford.

Bishop Keiley's Anniversary To Be Celebrated in Atlanta

Rt. Rev. Benjamin J. Keiley, bishop of Savannah, will celebrate on New Year's day the forty-fourth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, and he will honor Atlanta by coming here for the service which will mark the anniversary.

Pontifical high mass will be celebrated on the anniversary morning, Tuesday, Jaunary 1, at the feast of the circumcision, at the Sacred Heart church, Bishop Keiley to be assisted by a number of the local clergy.

Pontifical high mass is one of the most solemn and impressive ceremonies in the Roman Catholic church, and has been sung only a few times at the Sacred Heart since its erection.

14,715 TRAIL HITTERS IS OFFICIAL REPORT

Greatest Number of Converts Came in First Week of Sunday Campaign.

Although the big tabernacle is deserted, and Billy Sunday is far away, there lingers in the hearts and minds of 14,715 Atlanta people, memories of the strong handshake he gave them during his campaign here.

According to the official report given out by Fred Buse, postmaster of the tabernacle, 7,703 of these trail-hitters were new decisions, and 7,012 reconsecrations.

The first week led in new decisions, with 2,529, and also in reconsecrations, with 1,575. The figures by weeks are as follows:

	Reconsecrations.	New Decisions.
First week	1,576	2,529
Second week	990	1,461
Third week	1,470	1,364
Fourth week	891	658
Fifth week	712	663
Sixth week	1,366	1,028
Total	7,012	7,703

The Baptist denomination drew more members from the trail-hitters than any other, leading with 5,422, the Methodist coming a close second with 5,135 and the Presbyterian third with 1,605.

How Churches Gained.

The trail-hitters were distributed, according to their desires, among churches as follows:

Baptist	5,422
Methodist	5,135
Presbyterian	1,605
Episcopal	380
Christian	317
Catholic	121
Congregational	90
Lutheran	69
Christian Science	20
Hebrew	12
No preference	832
Miscellaneous	712
Grand total	14,715

The trail-hitting comparisons between Atlanta and other cities follow:

*Philadelphia	25,539
*Paterson	14,386
*Omaha	13,022
*Syracuse	21,119
*Trenton	16,745
Baltimore	18,648
*Kansas City	20,646
Detroit	20,677
Boston	30,854
Buffalo	23,896
New York	39,667
Los Angeles	15,271
*Atlanta	14,715

Seven-week campaigns were held in the cities marked (*). The campaigns in the other cities were longer.

Unclaimed Articles.

Although Mr. Buse has been able to return to owners many articles found in the tabernacle, he still has the following at the tabernacle postoffice:

Nineteen single black cloth gloves, four single gray cloth gloves, fourteen single white cloth gloves, fifteen single tan gloves, six pair white gloves, one pair gray gloves, nine hat pins, two single keys, three walking canes, four pairs of spectacles, one school cap, three caps, three fans, two mufflers, two memorandum books, one market bag, eight belts, one pair of rubbers, seven hymn books, two black handbags, one silver pocketbook, one fur muff, one silver friendship bracelet, two single cuff buttons, one foot warmer, thirteen single black kid gloves, seven single white gloves, one single red glove, twelve pairs black gloves, five pairs tan gloves, one pair yellow gloves, one check book, one bunch of keys, six umbrellas, one spectacle case, one man's hat, four Testaments, four veils, one scarf, two hair ribbons, one pair of shoes, one black apron, one single rubber, one satchel with tools, two leather pocketbooks, one fur collar, one ticket book for gasoline, eight stick and breastpins, two rings, cash amounting to 76 cents.

Fulton County Starts New Year With Cash Balance of $500,000

Fulton county will begin the New Year with all expenses paid and $500,000 in the treasury, according to announcement of the county commissioners Wednesday.

The commissioners will wipe the financial slate clean today with the payment of $395,000 indebtedness and prepare to meet next Wednesday for the arrangement of next year's budget. It was stated that the additional amount now in the treasury may be used for extensive highway construction which is contemplated for 1918.

Each year the commissioners of roads and revenues borrow the funds which are necessary for current expenses anticipating the payment of taxes in December. The $395,000, for which vouchers will be given today, was the amount borrowed during 1917.

MUSCOGEE DRIVE GOES OVER THE TOP; ADD 6,000 MEMBERS

Columbus, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—The Muscogee chapter of the Red Cross, which set out to secure 3,200 members in this county went "over the top" and kept on traveling. A total of 5,450 new members were secured, which added to the existing roll gives Columbus 5,950 Red Cross members. Memberships are still drifting in and the grand total will be in excess of 6,000.

The Bibb mills gave the movement a great impetus by taking out 500 memberships which were distributed among their employees. The Meritas mills also took out several hundred memberships, one for each person in the company's employ. The Columbus Manufacturing company, another large cotton manufacturing corporation here, also complimented many of its operatives with Red Cross memberships.

John S. Bleecker was manager of the Muscogee Red Cross campaign.

CAR MEN OF COLUMBUS GIVEN WAGE INCREASE

Columbus, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—Motormen and conductors in the employ of the Columbus Railroad company will receive a wage increase of two cents an hour, effective January 1. Wages will then run from 21 to 26 cents per hour, depending upon length of service. Seventy employees are affected by the increase.

STALLWORTH FUNERAL IS HELD IN GAINESVILLE

Gainesville, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—The funeral of B. M. Stallworth, prominent millman and capitalist who dropped dead at his home at New Holland Sunday afternoon, was held at the home Tuesday morning. The services were conducted by Rev. R. D. Hawkins, of New Holland, assisted by Rev. J. M. Haymore, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city.

One of the largest crowds that ever attended a funeral here was present to pay a last tribute to a popular and beloved citizen. The floral offerings were magnificent, evidencing the esteem in which the deceased was held. The active pallbearers were Andrew Thompson, D. W. Anderson, L. A. Trippe, W. L. Lawson, J. O. Walpole and W. A. Roberts. The overseers of the New Holland and Gainesville mills were honorary pallbearers. Interment was in Alta Vista cemetery.

Little Mother of Slums Gets Dollie of Her Own

She was ragged and dirty and shivering in the damp night air, but she was happy, and her happiness shone and danced in her big black eyes. There is a certain joy that is beyond words, and that joy was here—because for the first time in all her thirteen years she held in her arms a real doll that she could call her own.

"You know, lady," she explained to the Salvation Army lassie who handed her the doll, "I didn't come for anything for myself. I only wanted the kids to have a little Christmas, but thank you ever so much—" and she kissed the cold glass head of the doll. She was just one of the little mothers of the Atlanta slums who would have had no Christmas this year if it had not been for the efforts of the Salvation Army. There were many more like her at the army Christmas tree Wednesday night.

And there were babies there who received their first rattle, boys who went off happy with their arms full of toys, and tired mothers whose hearts were gladdened by a gift of a handkerchief or picture.

Every one of the 700 children got something—nobody was forgotten—and all were happy when the doors finally closed upon the joyous crowd.

"Isn't it just fine!" sighed the tired but smiling, dimpled Salvation lassie. "Christmas is such hard work for us, and this is the thing that pays us for the work. I'd be willing to work twice as hard if it were only to know that we could make half as many kiddies happy. This just makes up for all the terribly tired days that we have spent in the last month."

Will Present Cantata.

The Christmas cantata, "The Eternal Light," will be given Sunday night at 7:45 o'clock at the Gordon Street Presbyterian church by the choir. The cantata was composed by H. W. Petrie. Rev. Norman Johnson will preside and the following choir members will participate: Mrs. R. W. Carlton, Mrs. Carl Cunningham, George P. Beverly, C. R. Cunningham, Jerome B. Withers, J. Radford Higgins and Miss Ettie Bogajski.

Use Sugar Sparingly—Do Not Waste It

Everyone—manufacturers and householders—should use sugar sparingly for the present.

The supply is limited and will be until the new crop of cane can be harvested and shipped from Cuba and the Tropics. The supply will then be ample.

In the meantime, the people of the New England and Atlantic Coast States should use sugar sparingly.

Grocers should limit their sales to any one family. No one should hoard or waste sugar. Do not pay an increased retail price.

American Sugar Refining Company

"Sweeten it with Domino"

Granulated, Tablet, Powdered, Confectioners, Brown

Great Sale Continues Today

Sorry that anyone had to leave without being waited on Wednesday—but you will find us ready today. Come in—be early!

Here Are the Suit Prices:

$24.75 to $32.75 Suits	$14.75
$37.75 to $43.75 Suits	$23.75
$47.75 to $54.75 Suits	$29.75
$59.75 to $74.75 Suits	$37.75
$89.75 and $97.75 Chiffon Velvet Suits	$59.75
$129.75 Chiffon Velvet Suits	$69.75

And Here Are the Dresses:

Street - Afternoon - Evening

$16.75 to $18.75 Dresses	$ 9.75
$21.75 to $29.75 Dresses	$14.75
$32.75 to $37.75 Dresses	$19.75
$39.75 to $43.75 Dresses	$24.75
$59.75 to $64.75 Dresses	$39.75

No Exchanges, Refunds or Credits

All Charge Purchases on January Bills, Presented February 1

FROHSIN'S 50 Whitehall

Russians and Teutons Find Highway to Peace Blocked by Boulders

Details Are Lacking, But It Is Evident Little Progress Has Been Made in Negotiations to End War.

UNITED STATES TO SHOW PATIENCE WITH RUSSIA

German Agents Trying to Cause Breach Between United States and Russia, But Wilson Is Resolved to Foil the Attempt.

New York, December 26.—By Associated Press. From European Cables of the Day.)—The situation surrounding the peace parleys between the Austro-Germans and the Russians is still beclouded owing to lack of details being permitted to come through. At last accounts the Germans had not only failed to return an answer to the demands made by the Bolshevik delegates, but had requested that the negotiations be extended for virtually another month. Meantime a German commission has started for Petrograd from Berlin, in an endeavor to restore relations between Germany and Russia, and also to reach a settlement with the Russians for an exchange of civilian and incapacitated war prisoners.

GERMANS START FOR PETROGRAD.

Amsterdam, December 26.—Berlin advices received here say that the commission provided for in the Russo-German armistice agreement proceeded for Petrograd today. It is headed by Count von Mirbach, former German minister to Greece, and will undertake to reach a settlement with the Russian authorities for the exchange of civilians and incapacitated war prisoners, and also devise measures to restore relations between Germany and Russia.

The commission includes a number of officials of the foreign and war ministries.

Petrograd, December 26.—It is reported that the German delegation which was expected in Petrograd Thursday is proceeding to Dvinsk instead, fearing that a visit to Petrograd would be misinterpreted.

There is an unofficial report, which cannot be confirmed, that the Russians have given the Germans forty-eight hours in which to accept or reject the Russian peace proposals.

UNITED STATES TO BE PATIENT.

Washington, December 26.—Great forbearance and patience will be exercised by the American government in dealing with the chaotic Russian situation because it is realized that German intrigue, working through thinly disguised agents within the ranks of the Bolsheviki, is doing its utmost to bring about a breach between the United States and Russia.

It was authoritatively stated that American representatives in Russia, diplomatic, economic and others, will carefully avoid any interference with the internal politics of the country and will be guided in their conduct by the strictest rules of neutrality as between Russian factions. It is the purpose to permit the Russian people themselves to work out their own salvation free from any American interference.

There still is a deep-seated conviction in administration circles that within a reasonable period of time a satisfactory and probably permanent government of democratic form will be developed from the present turmoil.

Dispatches to the state department show that every opportunity is being seized upon by the German agencies to misrepresent the attitude of America towards the Bolsheviki movement and particularly to inflame the excitable Russian public against the personnel of the American embassy and its head, Ambassador Francis.

Much has been made of the failure of the ambassador to extend official recognition to the Lenine regime as it did to the first republican government under Lvoff and Milukoff, and now the tension has become acute over the routine efforts of Ambassador Francis to assist the Red Cross in its work in southern Russia and Rumania, which have been distorted into a purpose to aid a counter revolution under Kaledines.

BOLSHEVIKI POWER RAPIDLY WANING.

London, December 26.—The Russo-German peace negotiations, which were to have been resumed Monday after a postponement to give the Germans time to formulate their reply to the Russian terms, were again delayed, an Exchange Telegram dispatch from Petrograd reports. The dispatch also says the Germans have asked for a further postponement until January 24.

In consequence of the postponement of the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, because the Germans were not ready to reply to the Russian terms, the Russian delegates are reported to be returning to Petrograd, where apparently they are expected to await the arrival of the delegation from the enemy powers which is to participate in the conference for discussion of the political aspects of an eventual peace conference.

There have been occasional assertions in Petrograd dispatches that the influence and power of the Bolsheviki was waning, but never with such unanimity as in special dispatches dated from the Russian capital Sunday and printed today. Nearly all make the point in one form or other that defection from the workmen's and soldiers' organization is growing constantly. Among the causes alleged are general lack of authority, the increase in drunkenness, the reluctance of the population to work, and the scarcity of foodstuffs. The main desire of the soldiers is said to be for peace.

Bolsheviki Conscious of Failure.

The correspondent cites instances of Bolsheviki troops refusing to march, declining to attack the Ukrainians and permitting the Cossacks to disarm them without resistance. Fighting, it is said, is the last thing they are willing or intend to do. A hostile spirit is reported to survive among the Baltic sailors and the red guard, but the former are not numerous enough to conquer the Ukrainians, and the red guard is largely untrained. It is reported, therefore, that war against the Ukraine probably will not materialize on any serious scale.

Bolsheviki leaders, the Petrograd correspondent of The Morning Post says, appear to be becoming conscious of hopeless failure, while the correspondent of the Daily News writes:

"There is a tremendous and growing opposition to the Bolsheviki among all classes. Men who formerly supported them are turning against them, and 'German hirelings' is a common term of denunciation. There is much talk of meeting the present reign of terror with counter measures and bomb throwing is freely suggested as the only method of exerting pressure on the Bolsheviki. This is not merely idle talk, as those who say it are those who already have thrown bombs."

BOLSHEVIKI TO SEND AGENTS TO ALL LANDS.

Petrograd, December 26.—The Bolsheviki government has decided to send special representatives to all countries, belligerent as well as neutral, to further the propaganda of internationalism. Two million rubles have been appropriated for this purpose.

An American Red Cross train left Petrograd today for Rumania, with the approval of the Bolsheviki. It carried all its original supplies, except automobiles.

Is Worshipful Master Of Palestine Lodge

JAMES B. JACKSON.

James B. Jackson was elected worshipful master of Palestine Lodge, No. 486, at the election and installment of officers for the coming year, held recently.

In addition to Mr. Jackson the following officers were elected and installed, Charles H. Marshall, senior waren; Curtis N. Anderson, junior warden; H. Warner Martin, treasurer; William D. Phipps, secretary; J. E. Addicks III., senior deacon; Fred P. Jeter, junior deacon; Hugh A. Warner, senior steward; Howard Loveless, junior steward; Joseph M. Hart, tyler; John J. Woodside, temple director; Charles F. Blount, board relief, David E. Shumaker, William A. Haygood and Walter P. Andrews, finance committee of three. John A. Hynds, a past master of the lodge, presided at the meeting.

CUBAN SUGAR BOUGHT FOR U. S. AND ALLIES

Deal Is Completed for the Purchase of 3,600,000 Tons.

New York, December 26.—Negotiations for the purchase of a large part of the Cuban sugar crop, now being harvested and amounting to an estimated 3,600,000 tons, for the use of the United States and its allies, have been virtually completed by the international committee and the Cuban committee appointed by President Menocal of Cuba, it was announced here today. The price was to be $4.60 a hundred pounds f. o. b. Cuba.

Th formalities of the agreement, it was said after a joint session of the two committees today, will be completed within ten days or two weeks on the return here of Sir Joseph White Todd and J. Ramsey Drake, the British members of the international committee. They have been making a tour of the Cuban sugar fields as a result of the negotiations which were started some time ago.

Meanwhile, it was announced Cuban producers will make every effort to forward their new crop sugars as fast as ships can be obtained. The stringency will also be further relieved, it was stated, by the release for domestic consumption of four thousand tons of sugar for Swedish shipment, which is held here.

Within two weeks virtually every sugar refinery in the country will be in operation, according to George M. Rolph, head of the sugar division of the food administration, who returned here from Washington today. By the end of January, he asserted, fifty thousand tons of sugar will have been brought in and the consumer then should get sugar at 9 cents instead of the present price of 10 cents. He added that about 25,000 tons of raw sugar either are being loaded on ships at Porto Rico and Cuba, or else are on the way here.

NEGROES NEAR END OF CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS TO BUILD "Y"

A final rounding up of the balance of the Y. M. C. A. building fund that must be raised by the colored department to meet the required conditions to secure the Rosenwald gift of $25,000 will take place at the Odd Fellows' auditorium on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The speaker will be Rev. R. T. Weatherby, who was the first secretary employed here, some years ago. He is now executive secretary of the colored Y. M. C. A. hut at Camp Gordon. In addition to the program a strong appeal will be made for the balance of the $600 that must be raised by next Monday.

In a personal canvass yesterday by Secretary Trent several of the larger subscribers promised an extra contribution to make up this balance. David T. Howard, who has already given the fund $2,100, promised $25; W. S. Cannon, who has given $550, promised $25 extra; Bishop R. A. Carter added $25 to his $100 already paid. When this $600 balance is raised the colored people of Atlanta will have raised among themselves $32,500 in cold cash for the new building, which is the largest amount raised by negroes for this purpose anywhere in the United States.

QUESTIONS OF RATES NOT AT ONCE AFFECTED

By President Wilson's Order for Seizure of the Railroads.

Washington, December 26. — Rate questions, including the pending 15 per cent advance case before the interstate commerce commission, will not be affected immediately by President Wilson's proclamation directing government operation for railroads, and the commission will continue to exercise all its existing functions.

An early decision of the eastern and western railroads' application for 15 per cent higher rates now is expected.

Railroads will continue to apply to the commission for increases or modifications of rates and practices unless the director general issues specific orders otherwise, and in that case his authority will be supreme. The principal rate questions now under consideration by the commission, in addition to the 15 per cent case, are the express companies' application for a 10 per cent increase, and various ramifications of the western inter-mountain cases.

Some doubt was felt tonight as to whether express companies are included in the president's proclamation. They were not mentioned specifically, but the president referred to "every system of transportation and the appurtenances thereof." This was generally interpreted as including these companies, whose business is so closely interlocked with that of the railroads.

State railroad and public utilities commissions also will be left with full powers to supervise intra-state rates and transportation rules.

It is presumed that railroads will apply direct to the interstate commerce commission or to the state commissions, as in the past, without referring questions of rate increases to the director general, although the proceedure will depend largely on the scheme of control to be worked out by Mr. McAdoo.

In the 15 per cent cases, the railroads presented figures showing marked declines in net earnings this year, and explained that even the increase in earnings resulting from a 15 per cent increase probably would not suffice to check the decline. This led officials to suggest that the government railroad administration might look with favor on higher rates, since they would tend to reduce the amount which government operation will cost the public under the plan of guaranteeing pre-war earnings.

M'ADOO IS CERTAIN OF SAVING MILLIONS

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gested with freight. The war board has declared that the only way to meet the situation, either under government or private operation, is to deny transportation to non-essential products.

The war board, it is said, does not oppose government operation, nor, it is said, do the brotherhood chiefs, who, with the brotherhood legislative agents, have an engagement to see President Wilson tomorrow. At this conference, it is understood, the brotherhood leaders will ask that there be no measure taken which will set aside safeguards for workers obtained by the brotherhoods in many states and from congress.

To Eliminate Waste.

One of the new directors' guiding policies probably will be the elimination of duplication and resultant waste in operation. Mr. McAdoo is known to believe that hundreds of millions of dollars can be saved the railroads and the American public by pooling traffic and facilities and that ultimately the greatest benefit will accrue to the railroads themselves.

For many months Secretary McAdoo has worked incessantly with finance problems. Now he will re-arrange his treasury duties to release him from all possible details and decisions there, but he is determined not to relax efforts to float future Liberty Loans successfully and will give personal attention to all questions relating to government securities issues.

It is considered improbable that a large department with many employees will be created for the railroad administration very soon. The railroad war board already has quarters here and the secretary will function largely through it.

CHRISTMAS AMBULANCE GIVEN TO GEN. PERSHING

Paris, December 26.—William Graves Sharp, the American ambassador, and Frederick H. Allen, of New York, yesterday made a Christmas present of an automobile ambulance to General John J. Pershing, the American commander-in-chief. The donor was Mrs. Edward Breitung, of New York.

RAILROAD CHIEFS SHOW NO SURPRISE

Some Express Approval, While Others Refuse to Comment—All Promise to Co-operate to the Fullest.

New York, December 26.—Presidents of the railroads having their terminals in New York expressed little surprise tonight at President Wilson's decision to take over control of all the lines in the country.

Frederick D. Underwood, of the Erie, was enthusiastic over the action taken.

"On the basis of the general announcement," he said, "I would say instantly that it will be a grand thing for the country as a war measure, a grand thing for the railroads themselves and a grand solution of the labor problem."

W. H. Truesdale, of the Lackawanna, also expressed his approval.

L. F. Loree, of the Delaware and Hudson, declined to comment, asserting that any statement on the president's action would have to come from the railroads' war board.

E. E. Loomis, of the Lehigh Valley, was noncommittal, although he said the move was not a surprise.

A. H. Smith, of the New York Central, could not be located.

Higher Rates Predicted.

Chicago, December 26.—Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, and a member of the railway board of the national council of defense, said tonight that railroad men will "co-operate with the president to the fullest" in solving the transportation problems presented by unusual conditions.

Mr. Holden added:

"The practical effect that the public is likely to feel probably will be an increase in railroad rates. In England there was a 50 per cent increase in passenger schedules, necessitated by the change in the conduct of affairs. There has been talk of a three-cent rate in the United States."

Mr. Holden added that he would leave in the morning for Washington for a conference with Mr. McAdoo and other officials.

Richard H. Aishton, president of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, also expressed the belief that the railroad men of the country would co-operate with the government in every way.

Rea Goes to Washington.

Philadelphia, December 26.—Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, left for Washington tonight and it was said at the offices of the company he might give out a statement there tomorrow regarding the taking over of the railroads by the government. Officials of other railroads with headquarters in this city declined to discuss President Wilson's action.

Railroad Men to Do Duty.

San Francisco, December 26.—William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific railroad, commenting on President Wilson's announcement tonight, said:

"Railroad men are ready to do their duty under any plan or policy that may be determined upon to achieve the purposes of the nation in this time of war."

Brotherhood Chiefs to Capital.

Cleveland, Ohio, December 26.—W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, left here tonight for Washington to attend the conference of the three other brotherhood chiefs with President Wilson.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is understood to be in New York. A. B. Garretson, president of the Railway Conductors, and W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, are understood to be on their way to Washington.

NEGROES STEAL AUTO, BUT HOODOO GETS 'EM

An automobile belonging to Dr. Dan Y. Sage, of 431 Washington street, was stolen Monday night by two negroes, Roy Arnold and Maddox Jones. The negroes were arrested by Detectives Armstrong and Fortson.

Fifteen minutes after the car was stolen it was wrecked at Capitol avenue and Hood street and Roy Arnold, one of the negroes, was badly injured. The detectives traced him to Grady hospital, where his injuries were treated and the arrests followed.

HIGHER RATES GRANTED TO CANADIAN RAILROADS

Advance Is Permitted Because of Cost of Coal, Labor and Materials.

Ottawa, Ont., December 26.—A decision handed down today by the board of railway commissioners provides for a 15 per cent. increase in passenger rates in all parts of Canada, with the exception of British Columbia, where the maximum rate is now 3 cents per mile.

The judgment also permits, subject to the limitations of the Crow's Nest agreement and certain specific limitations, an increase in freight rates of approximately 10 per cent. in the west, and 15 per cent. in the east. The Crow's Nest agreement was made by the Canadian Pacific railway with the government, and by its provision rates on a large number of commodities are reduced.

The decision points out that "there can be no question, in view of actual results, that the railways require greater revenue and must have them if proper efficiency is to be maintained and the demands of the country for transportation at all adequately met."

Cost of labor, coal and materials have been increasing, with the result that the expenses of the Canadian roads are mounting at a much swifter rate than earnings. The increased rates allowed, the judgment states, will certainly not equal the increase in costs to which the railways are subject and which are not in any way attributable to the railway management.

With regard to the increase in passenger rates, the judgment states that "it is in the public interest, with a view to conserving coal, railway facilities and man power that passenger travel should be as light as possible, so as to facilitate efficient freight movement."

No mention is made in the judgment of the date on which the increased rates will go into effect. This is because the railways will have to file new tariffs based upon the judgment and these must receive the approval of the board. It is probable several weeks will elapse before the higher rates become effective.

Judge Meadow, Sole Executor For Smith Will, Is Near Death

Athens, Ga., December 26.—(Special.) Judge David W. Meadow, for a number of years judge of the northern circuit, and a resident of Elberton, who has been ill with pneumonia and complications at a local hotel for several days, was reported in an extremely critical condition tonight at a late hour, and fears were entertained that he would not live till morning.

He is, under the recently probated will of the late James M. Smith, the sole surviving executor of the property of the Oglethorpe county millionaire farmer, which has been in legislation for the past two years.

FUNERAL OF C. A. LAMAR WAS HELD YESTERDAY

The funeral of Charles Albert Lamar, brilliant writer and a former resident of Atlanta, who died Saturday at the home of his son, James H. Lamar, at Skyland, N. C., was held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the chapel of Barclay & Brandon, Rev. J. A. Sharp, of the Wesley Memorial church, officiating. Interment was in West View.

Mr. Lamar was born in Savannah, Ga. He was one of the first sport writers to make use of "slang" phrases, which have become so popular in sporting stories. He came to Atlanta about twenty-five years ago and his ability as a writer soon brought him into prominence in the newspaper field.

Surviving him are four sons, James H. Lamar, of Skyland; Joseph H. Lamar, of Macon; A. Melrose Lamar, of Smithville, Texas; Albert R. Lamar, of Chicago; one daughter, Miss Eliza Talbot Lamar, of Macon, and two sisters, Mrs. E. T. L. Hull, of Savannah, and Miss Mana Lamar, of Washington, D. C.

RAILWAYS GIVEN TIME ABOUT HEADLIGHTS

Washington, December 26.—The interstate commerce commission today postponed from January 1 to July 1, 1918, the date on which locomotives must be equipped with high-power headlights. Engines placed in service after that date must be supplied with the new lights, and old engines must be so equipped the first time they are placed in the shop for general repairs after that date.

Rich's

All charge purchases made during balance of 1917 will appear on our January statements, not due until February, 1918.

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Women's Winter Fashions Are Clearance Priced 1-2 and Less

NOT A SINGLE GARMENT EXCEPTED!

ONE dollar buys as much as two would before the sale. Every suit, dress and coat in the Rich Fashion Section has gone into it! Newer winter styles are not obtainable. Prices in every instance are half or less than half. The sale started yesterday morning; but many of the lots were too large to be exhausted by one day's selling. Among the good things remaining that today's shoppers will find are these:

—COATS formerly $19.75	$ 9.87
—COATS formerly $22.50	$11.25
—COATS formerly $35 and $39.75	$17.25
—COATS formerly $45 to $55	$22.45
—COATS formerly $60 to $75	$29.85
—COATS formerly $85 to $90	$42.35
—SUITS formerly $29.75 and $35	$14.85
—SUITS formerly $37.50	$17.75
—SUITS formerly $45 to $50	$22.35
—SUITS formerly $55 to $67.50	$27.45
—SUITS formerly $75 to $87.50	$37.75
—SUITS formerly $97.50 and up	$48.75
—SILK DRESSES formerly $25	$12.45
—SILK DRESSES formerly $29.75	$14.35
—SILK DRESSES formerly $39.75 and $45	$19.88
—SILK DRESSES formerly $47.50 to $55	$23.75
—SILK DRESSES formerly $65 to $75	$32.50
—SILK DRESSES formerly $95 to $125	$43.75
—SERGE DRESSES formerly $29.75	$14.87
—SERGE DRESSES, formerly $35	$17.35
—SERGE DRESSES formerly $39.75 to $45	$19.88
—SERGE DRESSES formerly $50 to $60	$24.50
—SERGE DRESSES formerly $65 to $75	$32.50
—VELVETEEN DRESSES formerly $47.50	$23.45

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ONLY WAY TO STOP IT!

Eighty-five cases were disposed of by the recorder's court in two sessions yesterday—the day following Christmas.

The cases were those of men and women charged with infractions of various laws; but among them were enough "drunk and disorderlies" to prove that the blind tiger did a thriving business on Christmas day.

All of which means that the law is not coming down with sufficient force on the blind tiger nuisance; that, despite the fact that the police have been doing splendid work recently in rounding them up, there are still too many of those barnacles and leeches left loose in Atlanta to feed upon and debauch the weaker of its citizens.

Nor is the blind tiger whisky menace going to be wiped out in Atlanta so long as convicted dispensers of it are permitted to buy their freedom by paying fines.

That business will never be stopped until the courts adopt and carry out a policy of sending convicted tigers to the chaingang or the penitentiary, rather than of fining them.

A few days ago a local judge, in passing sentence of a $1,000 fine upon a blind tiger who had pleaded guilty, said, in substance, in response to the prisoner's inevitable plea for mercy: "You have testified that you have profited to the extent of $6,000 through the sale of liquor in violation of the law. Thus by your own admission you could pay this fine several times over without serious inconvenience." And the prisoner peeled $1,000 from a roll he carried, got his receipt and walked from the courthouse smiling—a free man, approximately $5,000 ahead of the game!

"Blind tigering" will never be stopped so long as malefactors can thus buy their way out of the clutches of the law, and as they will always be able to do so long as we have to put up with the nefarious practices of the fee system for the remuneration of arresting and prosecuting officials.

It will never be stopped until every blind tiger is made to know that the man or woman who deliberately sells liquor to debauch other citizens is going to have to pay, and pay dearly, not in money—not in a share of the profits of the iniquitous business—but in service of the state in stripes!

Fear of the penitentiary is the only thing that's ever going to stop it; but that will stop it!

LET THE LIGHT IN.

Whatever the findings may be, the sundry investigations of governmental and departmental affairs under way by congress can result in no harm, but have possibilities of far-reaching good.

It may be that everything will be found o. k. The country hopes it will; but just the same the country has a strong suspicion that all is not precisely as it should be in the various branches of administrative activity, and for that very reason alone, if for no other, a thorough airing will tend only to satisfy the people and intensify that confidence in the government on the people's part that is absolutely essential to the successful operation of the federal machinery.

The war department, with especial stress upon the ordnance administration; the navy department; the foods administration; the fuel administration; the alien property custodian; the treasury department, etc.—with the so-called "meat trust" as a side line—all are concurrently under investigation; and to date there apparently has been no mercy shown in the manner employed for letting the light in.

Already life has been found crouching back in some hitherto mighty dark crevices in the administrative structure—some forms of life that can thrive only in the dark—and there has been some squirming as the light penetrated. And very probably still farther back there is much more, for the inspection has only fairly begun.

It does not necessarily follow that the administration heads are to blame for what has been or may be found; because this government is a mighty big concern and infinitely hard to keep clean. And even the best-kept house requires a thorough going over and renovation every once in awhile.

All that has been or is being done in this direction is strictly and essentially in line with good government, and the purpose of the nation's heads and the whole people to make as quick an end as possible, of the war, and to insure that the end when it comes will admit of only one construction.

So let the light in! If things generally are found to be clean and up to requirements the country will be but the stronger in the knowledge that they are so!

HOOVER, ROLPH AND SUGAR.

Food Administrator Hoover says for the benefit of the senate committee now investigating the sugar situation, past and present, that the fixing of the price of sugar has saved the American consumers more than $200,000,000 to date; in other words, that but for the administration's action the public would have been forced to pay from 25 to 30 cents a pound for sugar, whereas now retail dealers are permitted to charge no more than 10 cents a pound.

Experience with the few dealers who took advantage of the sugar shortage to plunder the public confirms the general impression that Hoover is right in his conclusion.

George H. Earle, Jr., one of the leading independent sugar refiners, not only agrees with Mr. Hoover, but he said in an interview recently that without governmental regulation of the price, sugar would now be retailing at upwards of 30 cents a pound, and that the poor would today be paying five cents an ounce, or 80 cents, or, perhaps, $1 a pound, for it.

Mr. Earle, in direct contrast to Claus Spreckels, has nothing but high praise for Mr. Hoover and for George M. Rolph, head of the sugar division of the food administration.

"While I have not always agreed with Messrs. Hoover and Rolph," he says, "I want to say that—

> "I have never seen such untiring, self-sacrificing, patriotic devotion as they are constantly displaying, and I want to say further, that I believe they will soon reach their goal, of a reasonable supply of sugar and at less than reasonable prices, if they are not uselessly diverted from more than exacting duties."

This estimation of the work of these two men, it is quite safe to say, coincides with the general sentiment of the country.

CONGRESSMEN AND TAXES.

A moot question of vital national importance just now is whether or not the emergency war revenue act exempts members of congress from the payment of income and excess-profits taxes, and pending before the house is a resolution stating definitely that it does not. The purpose of the resolution is, of course, to silence the disagreeable charge that by exempting certain "officers and employees of the government," congress exempted its own members while taxing everybody else.

Many prominent members of congress take the position that the law as it stands does not exempt members of congress, because congressmen are not officials nor employees of the federal government, and they take it for granted that the treasury department, in collecting the taxes provided for under the law, will place upon it this interpretation.

The position of congressmen so holding was made clear by Judge C. H. Brand, member of congress from the Eighth Georgia district, in a brief speech on the floor of the house the other day, in which he characterized the resolution as "useless legislation," saying, first, that—

> "a congressman is not an officer and an employee of the United States, or an officer and an employee under the United States within the meaning of the law, and therefore the provision of the revenue act referred to does not exempt him.
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> "Second, As all know, a tax levied upon the people or a class of people operates on all alike. No man and no one class of people can be held exempt from its operation by implication. All are subject to the provisions of a bill designed to raise revenue unless expressly exempted . . .
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> "I know and you know that we did not intentionally or purposely vote to put burdens upon other people which we ourselves were not willing to help carry, and as there is not a line in the bill expressly exempting congressmen from the payment of the income tax or the excess-profits tax, I insist under the law as it stands now that we are subject to the payment of these taxes. And according to the calculations of the tax gatherer, the act **imposes an income tax of $245 on each unmarried congressman, and $205 on each married congressman, and in addition to this an excess-profits tax of $120 on all congressmen.** Those interested should not be unmindful of the further fact that in addition to the payment of these taxes congressmen will have to pay an income tax on the property respectively owned by them. These taxes will be paid by us ungrudgingly and as cheerfully, in my opinion, as by any other class of taxpayers in the republic."

Congressman Brand's position upon this matter seems to be unanswerable, for it is not to be supposed that congress would intentionally enact legislation favorable to its own membership above other property owners of the country.

At any rate the treasury department can very easily settle the matter by construction of the law, and it may be said with certainty that if the yardstick is so applied no member of congress will raise any issue over it.

Save the ashes, for you have to burn money to make 'em.

When the affectionate Russian bear hugged Germany it got a jolt in the short ribs.

The artists have made the illuminated New Year resolution "a thing of beauty," and we are assured by the knowing ones that it ought to become "a joy forever."

JUST FROM GEORGIA

By Frank L. Stanton

To the New Year.

I.

Come on, Mister New Year!
Bring a sky of blue,
For Christmas got the dollars,
And the dimes danced for it, too!
But, anyway, we hope to pay
Our best respects to you!

II.

Come on, Mister New Year!
With all the good you've planned,
It's hard to hold a candle
To the folks in this here land!
We never lose the bass drum,
And we keep up with the band!

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Wartime Slogan.

RAISE SHEEP AND DON'T LET ANYTHING GET YOUR GOAT.

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Holiday Notes.

(Not of the $5 Variety)

"I have not yet received my per capita of the cash in circulation."

"I have struck oil in my war garden, but I can't pay up until I've formed a company."

"I have the promise of an airship for a New Year present, and I still hope to get up in the world."

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All Together!

Goin'—single file and double;
Goin'—trampin' down the trouble!
Never takin' any byway—
In the full blaze of the highway!
When there's mountains for the climbin'
Puttin' just the best o' time in!
Not to rest or roll in clover
Till the Top we've gone clear over!

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Want Ad Worked Wonders.

Writing in The Winfield Courier, Ed Greer tells this tale of what one little want ad did:

"A man came in the other day and put in a want ad to sell some stove wood. Things began to pick up. Next day he was swamped with orders. He was so busy selling wood he couldn't get time to come in and get the stack of orders telephoned into the office. Now he comes and orders the ad discontinued and says his back has been injured loading wood so fast. The question with The Courier now is, can it be held liable for damages for that advertiser's sprained back? The advertiser has two more men cutting wood. We hope they don't sprain their backs."

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"Smoke Up!"

Tennyson J. Daft is earnest in his desire to give the troops a chance to "smoke up." To the objecting ones he says, in his Kansas City "Starbeams" department:

"Oh, I am like young Robert Reed,
Who spurned with scorn the filthy weed,
I also utter piercing whoops
'Gainst sending cigarettes to troops,
Though homesick some poor lad may be,
He'll get no cigarettes from me;
But I will send him all the facts
About the weed in tiresome tracts.
I am as pure and meek and mild
As skipping lamb or prattling child;
In fact, so good that I've not done
One single thing to fight the Hun.
But, mercy! how I fight the weed,
For I'm a saint that's gone to seed!"

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When All Drank Milk.

This, from the book, "Missourians of One Hundred Years Ago," by Walter B. Stevens:

"In those early days, as the newcomers flocked into Missouri, those who had come earlier and who "kept tavern" had a way of classifying the new arrivals as northerners or southerners, without questions. If the stranger asked for sweet milk he was from north of the Ohio river—from New England or one of the Middle states. If he called for sour milk, that identified him as from the south. Sweet milk sold in St. Louis at 25 cents a gallon. Sour milk was 18¾ cents a gallon."

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Their Day Out.

When Prosperity is knockin',
With milk and honeycomb,
The folks that need his blessings most
Are far away from home!

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A Text by the Wayside.

Trouble will always "fill the bill" for you, but when he does, that's your time to "cover the ground."

LITTLE LOCALS ABOUT THINGS OF CITY INTEREST

As recompense for faithful service, James E. Hickey, proprietor of the Piedmont Hotel, presented the 300 employees of the hotel with a Christmas present consisting of 10 per cent of the individual's salary, the total amounting to $2,000. The whole atmosphere of the hotel has taken on a more cheerful note since Mr. Hickey's generosity asserted itself.

Elisa Baldwin, probation officer for the negroes of Atlanta, announces that 300 have been enrolled as guests to the annual banquet for old and afflicted men and women, which is to be held at 171 Martin street, on Friday. A request is made that the public give as generously as possible of both food and money. These may be sent to 171 Martin street, or if unable to send, call M. 3793 and the gifts will be sent for.

Cold or Coal.

(From Popular Mechanics Magazine.)

Fifteen million people in this country are shoveling coal today, of whom 250,000 are firemen in power plants and on railroads. By midnight they will have converted 2,300,000 tons into ashes. With these ashes will be thrown away thousands of tons of coal only partly burned. Other thousands of tons will have been wasted in careless burning, or unnecessary heating of unoccupied rooms; in the making of electric light which illuminated empty rooms and needless places. In twelve months we have burned 600,000,000 tons.

Of late we have increased our consumption of coal much faster than it can be delivered; our mines are adequate—with sufficient labor—to produce what we need, but transportation is limited. During the past year the steel industry has used 40,000,000 tons more than the previous year; our cotton mills, 4,000,000; our railroads, 40,000,000 tons—while other industries bring the increase up to 100,000,000 tons. A single new munitions plant alone takes the entire output of two large mines. Our own navy and our allies' constitute a new and large demand for fuel.

Coal has always been so abundant here we have given little thought to saving it. We must manage some way to save at least 50,000,000 tons. The damper in your stove, furnace or heater can help win the war; a door in your ashpit which leaks air, and soot in flues, pipes and chimney are all aiding the enemy. Weather strips, storm sash, ash sifters, careful firing, a curtailment of coal fuel just as much as possible are all instruments of first aid to the great causes. Shall we force our government to take over the coal industry as England, France, Italy, Russia and Germany have already done, or shall we relieve the administration of this extra burden by takinb the situation seriously? Every owner or manager of a plant using coal can do a lot. How long, Mr. Manager, since you inspected your boiler room, and do you know of your own knowledge whether the utmost fuel economy exists there, or not?

It is of very great importance to save every pound of coal possible, for if we don't, a lot of factories not absolutely essential to war supplies will have to close down. How much better we should all, large and small users alike, exercise economy and prevent embargo.

NATION HEADING TOWARD ALARMING FOOD FAMINE

:: RICHARD H. EDMONDS' SOUNDS WARNING ::

Southern Pines, N. C., December 24.—(Special.)—Discussing the need for increased food production, and for greatly increased food conservation, Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, who is spending the week at Southern Pines, said: "This nation is heading directly toward a possible food famine of alarming proportions, and as our success in the war will depend upon food it is vitally important that our people should know the real situation and face the issue.

"Long before the beginning of the European war there were evidences of a decrease in food production in proportion to the population. We are raising less wheat than we did sixteen years ago, notwithstanding an increase during that time of 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 people in our population. This year's wheat crop is 33,000,000 bushels less than the crop of 1901. We have about 15,500,000 less head of sheep than we had some fourteen or fifteen years ago. North Carolina, for instance, has several hundred thousand head of sheep less than it had as far back as 1860. We have 8 per cent less hogs than we had only a year ago. We have some 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 less beef cattle than we had some ten or twelve years ago. To a large extent the reason for this decline in food production is due to the enormous movement of population from the country to the cities. Between 1900 and 1910 city population increased by about 12,000,000, while country population increased only 4,000,000, and the growth since 1910 in city population has been even more rapid. In 1880 only 29 per cent of the population of this country lived in cities. Now about 50 per cent are city dwellers. We have been, in this way, steadily and enormously increasing the number of food consumers and lessening the number of food producers. Repeatedly during the last few years I have called attention to the evident outcome of this trend of population away from the country to the cities. It is one of the great economic issues in the nation's life.

Good Roads Essential.

"My persistent advocacy for years of good roads was largely based on the fact that until we give to the man in the country the same advantages of good roads and ease of communicating with his neighbors, and of hauling his stuff, which the city dweller has in improved streets, there will be a continued movement of population away from the country. If there were no other reason for good roads than this economic issue, it would be supremely important for individual states and for the national government to do their utmost toward the encouragement of building good roads as the only possible way in which to guarantee increased food production. So long as country life, by reason of impassable roads of sand or mud, is less attractive, especially to the women and children, than the city, so long will the trend of population be away from the country, and there is no power on earth to change this condition except by making country life attractive through the building of good roads. This is as important in war times as in peace, for road building must go on in order to secure increased food production as well as to supplement the railroads, which have completely broken down.

"But to return to the decreasing food supply of the country. Because the total grain and food crops this year exceeded by about a billion bushels the crops of last year, we are apt to forget that last year's crops fell short of the 1915 yield by nearly 1,400,000,000 bushels. This year's yield, therefore, does not near fill up the vacuum created by the yield of 1916. Moreover, while the country has had a large increase in corn, much of this cereal, mainly in the west, was seriously damaged by early frosts, and its feeding value has therefore been greatly decreased. There was also an enormous shortage in the hay crop, amounting to about 19,000,000 tons, as compared with 1916. The aggregate wheat and corn crops of 1916 and 1917 was nearly 500,000,000 bushels less than the aggregate of 1914 and 1915, notwithstanding the enormous increase in consumption by reason of the war. Unfortunately there has been an effort to minimize the seriousness of this situation, and to create the impression that this year's crops would insure an ample food supply, intentionally or ignorantly, I know not which, overlooking the vacuum created by the tremendous shortage in the yields of 1916.

Slight Gain in Wheat.

"Notwithstanding the seriousness of the situation the winter wheat acreage for the present season is only 4 per cent greater than that of last year, or a gain of 1,600,000 acres, of which more than 1,000,000 was the south's share of the increase. To this small increase in acreage is added the alarming fact that the condition as reported by the United States department of agriculture on December 1 was 79.3 per cent, as compared with the ten-year average of 89.3 per cent. Possibly kind nature, which covered the earth with an abundant layer of snow, with its protecting and fertilizing power on wheat, will come to our assistance by improving the wheat condition in this way, but a billion-bushel crop next year would be far below our actual needs and those of our allies, and the allies' needs are our needs just as much as are the needs of the people of this country. Indeed, it is incumbent upon us to feed the allies before we feed ourselves, because for three years they have been battling against tremendous odds, pouring out millions of lives and billions in treasure, in our behalf as well as their own.

They have saved us from destruction, and duty and even selfishness itself should compel us not merely to divide the last crumb with the allies, but if necessary, to give the last crumb to them and sacrifice ourselves in order to save ourselves. Until the seriousness of this situation is fully realized by the people of all classes and all sections, until the importance of sacrificing in order to bring about food conservation is taught from the pulpit, is taught in every school and proclaimed day after day in every newspaper, we shall not fully comprehend the danger of a famine which we are facing, and which can only be prevented by the utmost conservation. We cannot, off hand, increase the amount of food in the country, but we can, by extreme care, conserve that food and make it go the farther. Every spoonful of sugar, every pound of flour, or beef or mutton or pork wasted, or even unnecessarily used, is prolonging the war and making certain the death of more of our soldiers than would otherwise have to lose their lives in our defense.

A Typical Case.

"Some weeks ago I listened to a stirring appeal by a man abundantly able to present the subject before a religious convention, showing how the conservation of flour and meats and sugar were absolutely essential to our winning the war. It so happened that two ministers who sat within a few feet of the speaker sat beside me at a dinner shortly thereafter, indeed, one of them that very night. The latter, though he had heard the appeal for saving sugar, emptied spoonful after spoonful of sugar into his coffee until there was more undissolved sugar left in his cup than the coffee could possibly take up. The other put into one small cup of coffee three big lumps of sugar, emptied that cup, and put into one-half a cup two large lumps. These men thought they had been impressed with the presentation of the need of conservation but, as a matter of fact, it had not touched their souls, it had not reached their conscience, and they are typical of a very large proportion of our people. I can speak from experience when I say that no matter how much sugar one may have loved to have in his coffee, he can absolutely cut out the use of sugar and soon become accustomed to drinking his coffee without a particle of sugar. The same is true of many other things which we have been accustomed to indulge in. We can lessen the use of flour bread by the means of substitutes, no matter how much we may have loved flour bread. We can cut out to a large extent the use of beef, mutton, lamb and pork products of all kinds, no matter how much we love to indulge in these things. The question is merely whether we propose with our teeth to dig the graves of our soldiers, whether we propose to let our appetites control us to our individual damnation, and the damnation of the country, by Germany's success, or whether in a spirit of self-sacrifice, and of self-control we are going to do our very utmost to lessen the consumption and the waste of food, knowing well that food will settle the destiny of our soldiers, our nation and civilization."

LIFTING THE TEUTONIC VEIL: ENEMY NEWS AND OPINION

Under this heading will be published from time to time quotations from the press of Germany and Austria-Hungary which The Constitution has arranged to receive by cable and mail through The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Socialists Define Position.

The temper and views of the majority socialists of Germany, whose leader is Scheidemann, are shown in the following manifesto recently published in Vorwaerts, the official organ of the party:

"Comrades—At this time of great historical events the German proletariat has a great mission to fulfill.

"In the midst of this frightful world conflagration which has destroyed millions of lives and incalculable economic vales, the untenability of the government systems, as in vogue, has been clearly and distinctly demonstrated.

"Our brothers and sons in arms have performed wonderful deeds of valor and the German nation bore the sufferings of this war with astonishing patience.

"At all times ready for peace, it fights and suffers in defending its home; but not for conquest or to acquire other booty. This has been proclaimed before all the world repeatedly by the social democrats since the beginning of the war, by the representatives of the nation in an unequivocal manner in their resolution of July 19, 1917.

"The opposing governments want a continuation of the war, aware of the fact that their peace aims can only be materialized after Germany has been thrown down.

German Democracy.

"In view of these facts the attitude of the German democracy is decided.

"At present we are principally fighting for the general, equal, direct and secret suffrage in Prussia, which is the most important question in German politics. We demand autonomy for Alsace-Lorraine within the empire. The domestic state of siege and political censorship must be abolished.

"We demand legal public representation of labor's interest by labor chambers, while the right of assembly must be guaranteed.

"We regard the efficient supply of the nation with foodstuffs as our most urgent duty, while usury in foodstuffs must be rendered impossible. All demands for an adequate provisioning of all needy with food supplies must be complied with. Soldiers must be protected against arbitrariness.

"The class conscious proletariat is a unit on all these questions. If otherwise divided, this can only be regretted in their own interest, since success is only attainable if the fight is carried on in a closed phalanx.

"The fight to be carried on by the social democracy would grow much harder should the attempt succeed of foregoing all reactionary forces into the German fatherland party.

Party Prolongs War.

"The German fatherland party prolongs the war by its plans of conquest and oppression; it disavows peace on the basis of an understanding; its best known men are notoriously opposed to democratization of any sort. They want to uphold all those things which in the opinion of discriminating people must be abolished: The domination of money power and privileges of birth. The millions and millions accruing to the heavy industries are being protected as war profits and are being used to feed political reaction. Newspapers are being purchased to influence public opinion in favor of the junkers and the owners of the heavy industries. The fight against the fatherland party, which claims to have the whole population behind them, must be carried on along the whole line. The future will show that the vast majority of the German nation aims at a peace based upon mutual understanding and a development in the direction of freedom. We request our comrades to call mass-meetings everywhere and to express the will of the people.

"It goes without saying that the economic struggle which will follow the war will be a hard one. On the one hand we will find capital a unit: united by reason of having jointly with the political reactionaries maintained political reaction, enjoying the support of numerous public authorities, and, on the other hand, a split-up fraternity of workingmen. The Wuerzburg party conference pointed to these serious facts very clearly and drew the natural conclusions from them. May the workingmen now recognize what is at stake for them and may also they draw the logical conclusion from it.

Appeal to Workers.

"Workingmen! We ask you to concentrate all your forces, to strengthen your organizations and to secure to your press the greatest possible circulation. Millions of people through workingmen in city and country, who stand outside of our organizations, keep their eyes fastened tensely and sympathetically upon the political movement of our party, for which we are bound to win them.

"Workingmen, comrades: Be conscious of the whole seriousness of these times. Germany's future is now being forged, also the future of our working class.

"Comrades of the party: You know the importance of organization in the management of our party's affairs and struggles and you know that the press is one of your mightiest arms in our campaigns for peace, bread and equal duties.

"Be, therefore, conscious of your rights."

HEALTH TALKS

BY WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

WHY FOLKS ARE ANEMIC.

Anemia, lack of blood, is always a symptom, always secondary, never a distinct disease which can be treated successfully without knowledge of the underlying cause. Yet thousands of credulous folks swallow in a week more iron than the whole mass of blood in a healthy adult contains, in the vain hope of curing a fancied anemia or watery weak blood.

In this talk we can merely touch upon some of the more common causes of anemia. The causes are so many and varied that it is impossible to list them in a half column. We shall try to mention the more common causes somewhat in the relative order of their importance and frequency.

Insufficient exposure of the body to sunlight is undoubtedly the most common cause of anemia. Sunlight is as essential to the formation of hemoglobin (the red coloring matter in the blood) as it is to the formation of chlorophyl (the green coloring matter in plants). Neither man or plants can thrive without sunlight.

Excessive confinement in foul air is probably the second important factor of simple anemia. Foul air is nice warm still air, such as many people like to have in the house all winter long. Another way of expressing it is carbon dioxide poisoning. This does not mean that there isn't enough oxygen in the air of a nice warm room; it means that the effect of nice warm air is ennervating, weakening, depressing to the metabolism or vital fire, so that the body is unable to assimilate sufficient oxygen, though there be plenty available in the air. Wherefore an excess of carbon dioxide (carbonic acid gas) accumulates in the body, and one effect of this kind of autointoxication, so to speak, is a deficiency of red corpuscles or hemoglobin or both. The remedy is one we often prescribe, but it is seldom taken, because you can't take it from a spoon: two miles of oxygen three times a day on foot. It really "sends the red blood coursing through your arteries"—to borrow a favorite phrase of the alumnae writers.

Trifling or unrecognized chronic septic foci, in tonsils, gums, gall-sac, appendix, in pelvic organs of either sex, are very frequent causes of anemia.

Incipient or undiagnosed tuberculosis in younger persons, and unrecognized nephritis (Bright's disease) in persons around middle age, are common causes of anemia.

Latent or smouldering syphilis, malaria and other chronic constitutional diseases are not unusual causes of anemia.

Restriction of the diet to food too refined or denaturized is certainly a factor in many cases. People should endeavor to eat whole wheat in various forms, whole corn cracked, unpolished rice, the green garden vegetables, baked potatoes with skins, fresh fruits.

The habit of abusing cathartics is often a cause of anemia which cannot be relieved until the cathartics are discontinued.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Daily Nap and Daily Bath.

Should a healthy boy three and one-half years of age take a nap in the afternoon? How often should he be bathed? (V. F. S.)

ANSWER—Yes, an afternoon nap is a great builder and strengthener for youngsters. A healthy boy is of course a dirty boy, so we think he should have a nice warm or tepid bath every day.

Child Minus Tonsils.

Will a child who has had his tonsils removed have diphtheria? Will the whooping cough be as severe in such a child? (His Mother.)

ANSWER—He would probably be less susceptible to diphtheria with the diseased tonsils removed than with the tonsils in the throat. As for whooping cough, it probably would make no difference.

Old Salt Water Fancy.

Would a tablespoonful of salt in a cupful of water be the proper strength to snuff up the nose for chronic catarrh? (E. H. V.)

ANSWER—That would be intensely irritating, and besides, it is dangerous to snuff liquids up the nose—the practice frequently damages hearing. A rounded teaspoonful of salt in a pint of freshly boiled water makes what is known as "normal salt solution," that is, approximately the same salty strength as the tears and the blood serum. This may be used in eyes, nose, etc., freely, being non-irritating and rather soothing.

Dr. Brady will answer all signed letters pertaining to health. Writers' names are never printed. Only inquiries of general interest are answered in this column, but all letters will be answered by mail if written in ink and a stamped, self-addressed envelope is inclosed. Requests for diagnosis or treatment of individual cases cannot be considered. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of The Constitution.

Georgia Must Now Decide As Between Sheep and Dogs

Editor Constitution: Having noticed from time to time in your valuable paper the question of sheep raising in Georgia, wish to endorse the letter of Mr. I. C. Wade, Cornelia, Ga., which appeared in your paper under date of December 24.

As the owner of a farm in south Georgia, we had at one time a flock of sheep of about 500 on open ranges. The dogs, worthless curs, killed every sheep in this gold-producing herd. We sacrificed the toothsome mutton and the golden fleece of our merino herd in order that our neighbors, white and black, might rear cur dogs, the flesh of which, nor the hide, being of no commercial value, and their maintenance being an expense to their owners.

In this day of conservation it behooves every farmer to raise every pound of meat and wool which it is in his power to produce. There is not a farm in the state of Georgia that could not raise from half a dozen to a dozen sheep absolutely without cost, to say nothing of the hundreds and thousands which could be raised at an enormous profit as a business proposition.

The time has now come when the people of Georgia must decide between merino sheep and cur dogs. There are hundreds of thousands of acres in the state of Georgia admirably adapted for sheep raising. In no section of the United States can mutton and wool be produced cheaper than in the empire state of the south. I am at a loss to know in what way the cur dogs of Georgia have thrown a hypnotic spell over our legislators. Whenever the question of dogs and sheep has come before them they have invariably voted for dog.

The state of Georgia is put to enormous expense every year to provide Pasteur treatment, the only known remedy against hydrophobia. There is not a day in the year but that some child or woman is bitten by a mad dog.

Let us have a high tax and a muzzle law for Georgia. Give us more mutton, more wool and less curs.

J. W. ROUNTREE.

Atlanta, Ga.

STRIKES DELAYED BUILDING OF SHIPS

Board Official Says Over 500,000 Working Days Have Been Lost — More Men Needed—Labor Conscription Discussed.

Washington, December 26.—Labor troubles were blamed for much of the delay in the government's ship-building program by Raymond B. Stevens, vice chairman of the shipping board, testifying today in the senate commerce committee's investigation.

Since the United States went to war, Mr. Stevens said, ship yards have lost a total of 536,992 working days by strikes and other disputes. This, he figured, represents the work of 20,000 men for a month. Happily, said Mr. Stevens, the situation is improving by reason of measures taken by the board to adjust differences wherever they arise.

Senators took a lively interest in the story of the labor situation and the inquiry turned to the whole subject of labor and its position during the war. Questions as to the wisdom of conscription of labor for ship yards and other government work drew from Mr. Stevens emphatic opposition to any attempt to force civilians to work under prescribed conditions and government-fixed wages.

Telling of the board's work in establishing with the aid of the labor department employment agencies on the Pacific coast, Mr. Stevens said that with their institution also in the east the board hoped to obtain from other industries as many men as it needs. He added that an appropriation would be needed to provide housing facilities at isolated plants.

More Workers Needed.

"The number of men should actually be more than double," he said, "if we are to accomplish our full aims. Roughly, there are now about 550,000 engaged in ship building. We could use from 200,000 to 300,000 more. We are obtaining new men gradually and hope to obtain them much faster later on. Recently, 160 yards reported they could use 20,000 more men."

"What are the prospects of getting these additional men?" asked Senator Harding.

"I think it can be done, and it must be done if the program is to go through," Mr. Stevens replied. "We are making arrangements to get and train men from other industries and have established employment agencies to find the new workers. There are many industries from which men can be drawn, and trained in short time to make them good shipyard workers. The fact that there is a slowing up now in many other industries due to the war is helping us in this respect."

Mr. Stevens described a bonus system instituted in Pacific coast yards and said if it proved successful an extension to the east was planned.

Conscription of Labor.

The labor situation, the witness said, presents a problem too big for any department to handle. A centralized policy as to the relation of the government to labor during the war, he said, should be worked out immediately. This brought up the discussion regarding conscription.

Senator Sherman asked if it was fair or just to conscript men for the army and permit workers to strike for higher wages. Mr. Stevens said he did not believe conscription of labor could be enforced.

Senator Nelson argued that sentiment had been against the conscription of men for the army, but that it had been put into force.

"And," he added, "I think it was wise now, although I voted against it at the time. Sentiment may change respecting labor construction, too."

Asked if quibbling over prices had delayed ship construction, Mr. Stevens said he thought it had to some extent. He told of the delay in closing contracts for fabricated ships while Admiral Capps, formerly general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, was reducing figures approved by his predecessor, Major General Goethals. The delay, it was brought out, saved the government $15,000,000 in the contracts.

Mr. Stevens took occasion to denounce a published charge that he had let contracts to a friend in New Hampshire at a high price. He filed with the committee a letter from General Goethals, who, upon seeing the charge, wrote that he negotiated the contracts in question and that Mr. Stevens had nothing to do with it.

STOVALL TO ADDRESS STUDENTS AT MERCER

Macon, Ga., December 26.—(Special.) The Mercer History club announced today that Pleasant A. Stovall, of Savannah, minister to Switzerland, who is a Mercerian, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address on the war at Mercer university chapel on the evening of January 11. Mr. Stovall will be introduced by Judge Emory Speer, of the United States district court.

Seat sale for Henry W. Savage's Brilliant Musical Spectacle, "Everywoman," opens today at Atlanta theater.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS' MESSAGE.

There is in these times a veritable ocean of sorrow and suffering engulfing millions of souls, and a society with the membership and resources of the Red Cross, actuated as it is by Christian principles, can best undertake the tremendous burden of extending intelligent and efficient relief. In particular I approve of the Red Cross activities as they are directed towards supporting the courage and caring for the injuries of our young soldiers and sailors. It is my earnest hope that all of our people will cheerfully and generously co-operate with the Red Cross committee in their efforts towards reaping the fullest measure of charity that it may be possible for the society to attain.

JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS,
Archbishop of Baltimore.

"The membership quota Atlanta expected to secure was 15,000 and Atlanta has gone beyond that," said R. H. Martin, chairman of the Atlanta Red Cross membership campaign, yesterday.

"We have not received complete reports from all our committees yet. Yesterday 1,600 new members were reported at headquarters, and we have not heard in full from the house-to-house canvass committees, Mrs. E. H. Ginn, chairman, nor in full from Mrs. Preston Arkwright, chairman of the woman's campaign committee.

"Decatur has not completed her report."

Campaign Closes December 31.

The Atlanta membership campaign began its active campaign Monday, December 17, and the campaign will close December 31. The membership committee was appointed by Lee Ashcraft, chairman of the Atlanta chapter of the Red Cross, and included R. H. Martin, chairman; vice chairmen, W. R. C. Smith, E. A. Kalkhurst, A. C. Newell, L. R. Halle, Sherrod Kennedy, Paul Wilkes, W. T. Perkerson, James R. Holliday and A. S. Adams.

The Crane Company Employees Form War Savings Stamp Club

The first war savings club among the commercial organizations of Georgia was organized and perfected yesterday afternoon, when Manager E. T. Thompson, of the local branch of the Crane company, presented employees with thrift stamps and war savings stamps as Christmas bonuses at a meeting in the company's factory at 39 Garnett street.

State Director Richardson, of the war savings campaign, and John Nolan, of the local savings office, were present at the distribution. Each made a speech, the employees of the Crane company responding with the same spirit which has enlisted 700 Crane company employees in the American army.

L. E. Merritt, an employee, was elected president of Crane Company War Savings society, and Miss L. M. Fisher, secretary. The club will perfect plans whereby each employee will save a certain percentage each week and invest these savings in war savings stamps, which bear 4 per cent. interest, compounded quarterly. The amount saved is a matter of personal decision, and the employees themselves will handle the savings society.

Mr. Richardson was highly pleased with the move and agreed to send plans for a permanent savings society as soon as those plans are worked out.

Manager Thompson also announced that Crane company had insured all of its employees in amounts ranging from $500 for one and two-year employees up to $1,000 for those who had been with the company for six years or more.

In addition, each employee received a bonus of 10 per cent. of his or her annual salary.

PROMINENT HOTEL MAN RESIGNS ATLANTA POST

William R. Secker, who for four years has been manager of the Ansley hotel, has tendered his resignation and expects to leave Atlanta for Indianapolis, where he will take charge of the Lincoln hotel, which will be opened there in May.

Mr. Secker has been in the hotel business for thirty years, having managed prominent hotels in New York and Indianapolis before coming to Atlanta.

As a token of appreciation the employes of the Ansley gave Mr. Secker a beautiful diamond stick pin for a Christmas present. Frank T. Reynolds, of the Georgia State Automobile association, presented the gift.

W. C. Royer, manager of the Piedmont hotel, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Secker as food conservation chairman for the hotels and restaurants of the state.

George R. Benton, who has charge of food administration for the southeastern states, complimented Mr. Secker on his splendid management, stating that Georgia leads all southeastern states in this respect.

TEN SOLDIERS ENJOY TURKEY IN ONE HOME

A most delightful affair was the "Do Your Bit Dinner" given to ten of the soldier boys from Camp Gordon on Christmas day by Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Hutchison at their residence on East Third street. Two big tables were loaded down with good things to eat, and four big turkeys helped satisfy the appetites of those present. After the repast the balance of the evening was spent in music and dancing.

Those attending were Captain F. Kirschner, F. O'Donnell, Joseph Walter, John J. Messitt, William Williamson, George E. Galento, Phillip Stajacke, Henry Floss, William Evans, C. E. Hall, of Atlanta, I. S. Webb, of New York, Miss Francis Ashworth and Miss Flossie Richardson, of Barnell, S. C.

PLAN BIG CANNERY FOR BROOKS COUNTY

A cannery with a capacity for producing 5,000 cans per day, and with a capital stock of $2,000, is being jointly planned by women of the food conservation club and the prominent farmers of Brooks county.

The farmers have agreed to put up $1,000, and L. B. Jackson, in charge of the state bureau of markets, is looking for some one to take the other half of the capital stock.

Mr. Jackson believes that this cannery will encourage farmers not only to increase their production, but to save the yield of their crops to such an extent that the conservation of food campaign will be greatly helped in this part of the country.

LOCAL BUSINESS MAN DIES IN ASHEVILLE

News was received in Atlanta last night of the death on Tuesday in Asheville, N. C., of Adrian M. Strickland, representative of the Georgia Fire Extinguisher company, whose home is at 92 Culberson street. The body will be taken to Spartanburg for funeral and interment. Mr. Strickland is survived by his wife and four children, Misses Florence and Mary Ellen Strickland and S. R. Strickland and Charles H. Strickland. One sister, Mrs. Dan C. Stallings, of Augusta, also survives.

COLLEGES' ASSOCIATION WILL MEET ON FRIDAY

The State Association of Colleges will meet Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the assembly hall of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. The association comprises representatives of LaGrange college, Piedmont, Shorter, Brenau, Bessie Tift, Cox and Wesleyan colleges, the University of Georgia, Tech, Emory and Mercer.

Among the speakers will be Dr. J. F. Sellers, of Mercer; Dr. J. H. Pearce, of Brenau; Professor M. T. Peed, of Emory; Professor J. W. W. Daniel, of Wesleyan; Miss Ada Winslow, of LaGrange; Dr. J. S. Stewart, of the University of Georgia.

Assistants Reappointed.

Mrs. Lucile Woodward and S. N. Thompson, assistants in the old county exemption board, which was recently ousted by the government, Wednesday were reappointed to serve under the new board. E. Rivers, chairman of the new board, stated that their efficient work secured their reappointment.

OLD ATLANTA MAN MADE ACTING CHIEF OF NEWS FOR A. P.

Robert T. Small, son of Sam W. Small, the Georgia evangelist, has been appointed acting chief of the news department of the Associated Press, according to an announcement Wednesday by Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press.

Mr. Small acquired his first newspaper experience in Atlanta, where he has hundreds of friends, who will learn with interest and pleasure of his appointment and also that his duties have brought him back to America from Europe, where he has been representing the Associated Press on the various war fronts for nearly three years.

In February, 1915, he was sent to London to assist in the organization of the London bureau of the Associated Press to handle the great rush of news from the war zone. His ability in this undertaking caused the Associated Press then to send him to Stockholm, where he organized the Stockholm bureau, the main office for the reception of news from the central powers.

Mr. Small is now in the New York office of the Associated Press, where he has been since arriving in America about a month ago.

Hugh M. Bagley Dies At Plantation Near Decatur on Tuesday

Hugh Miller Bagley, 27 years old, son of Henry C. Bagley, prominent Atlanta insurance man, died Tuesday night at his residence on his plantation near Decatur, Ga.

Mr. Bagley had been suffering from a slight indisposition, but his death was unexpected, and came as a severe shock to his relatives and friends.

Mr. Bagley was well known and popular both in Atlanta and DeKalb county. He is survived by his widow and one son, Hugh M. Bagley, Jr.; by his parents; by two sisters, Mrs. Marion Benson and Mrs. P. C. McDuffie; also by two brothers, Henry W. Bagley and Henry C. Bagley, Jr.

The funeral will be held at the home of his parents, 663 Piedmont avenue, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, Dr. C. A. Daniel, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Interment will be in West View.

BIG DECREASE NOTED IN NOVEMBER EXPORTS

Exports during November amounted to $488,000,000, a decrease of $55,000,000 from October, 1917, and of $28,000,000 from November of last year, according to a statement issued today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, department of commerce. For the eleven months ending with November exports were valued at $5,639,000,000, against $4,959,000,000 a year ago.

Imports during November were valued at $221,000,000, about the same as in October of this year, but $44,000,000 more than in November a year ago. The imports during the eleven months of this year were valued at $2,725,000,000, a considerable increase over the imports for the eleven months' period of 1916, which were valued at $2,187,000,000.

The excess of exports over imports amounted to $268,000,000 in November, 1917, against $339,000,000 a year ago. The excess of exports during the eleven months ended with November amounted to $2,914,000,000 in 1917, against $2,773,000,000 in 1916, an increase of $141,000,000 in the current year.

Gold imports during the month amounted to only $3,000,000, against $17,000,000 a year ago; and gold exports amounted to $7,000,000 in November 1917, and $26,000,000 in 1916. During the eleven months ended with November, gold imports amounted to $535,000,000 and exports to $367,000,000, leaving an excess of imports of $168,000,000 in 1917, against $399,000,000 in 1916.

Silver imports during the month amounted to $9,000,000, a considerable increase over previous months; while silver exports fell to less than $5,000,000. For the eleven months' period the silver imports amounted to $47,000,000, against $29,000,000 a year ago, and the exports were valued at $74,000,000 in 1917 and $62,000,000 in 1916.

LIEUT. J. H. WOOD RESIGNS POSITION AS SOLICITOR

Governor Hugh M. Dorsey has received and accepted the resignation of Lieutenant James Hines Wood, solicitor of the city court of Sandersville, who resigned because he has entered the military service of the United States. As solicitor, Lieutenant Wood was exempt from service, and Governor Dorsey, in accepting his resignation praised the spirit of patriotism shown in voluntarily giving up his position and answering the country's call.

Lieutenant Wood is a son of the late Hon. M. G. Wood, one of the most prominent citizens and public officials of Washington county; a brother of Hon. E. Pierce Wood, who has been for many years official stenographer of the superior courts of the middle circuit; a namesake of Judge James K. Hines, attorney for the railroad commission of Georgia, and a partner of Judge B. T. Rawlings, in the firm of Rawlings & Wood, of Sandersville.

He recommended to the governor for appointment as his successor his opponent in the last election. The governor has not yet announced a successor.

COLLEGE ASSOCIATION MEETS HERE FRIDAY

The State Association of Colleges, consisting of LaGrange college, Piedmont, Shorter, Brenau, Bessie Tift, Cox, Wesleyan, the University of Georgia, the Technological school, Emory and Mercer, will meet at the chamber of commerce in Atlanta Friday morning at 10 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged, in which Dr. J. F. Sellers, of Mercer; Dr. H. J. Pearce, of Brenau; Professor M. T. Peed, of Emory; Professor J. W. W. Daniel, of Wesleyan; Miss Ada Winslow, of LaGrange; Dr. J. S. Stewart, of the state university, and others, will take part. The officers of the association are: Professor Leon P. Smith, of Wesleyan, president; Professor T. P. Branch, of the Tech, vice president, and Professor W. D. Hooper, secretary.

New Auto Tags Arrive.

Secretary of State Phil Cook, who has charge of the administration of the state automobile license tag law, Wednesday received the first shipment of automobile license tags for 1918, which go on sale January 1.

This shipment, which has been on the road since December 9 and was lost several times, comprises 35,000 tags, or about one-half the total needed for 1918.

BOLTON AND HOWELL HELD UNTIL SATURDAY

Will Be Freed Then Unless Kentucky Authorities Arrive With Requisition Papers.

In event Kentucky authorities fail to send requisition papers to Atlanta before Saturday for J. A. Bolton and Ross Howell, alias R. B. Ross, who are being held at the Tower on an executive warrant issued by Governor Dorsey, they will be set free, according to a decision made by Judge Ben Hill in a habeas corpus hearing late Wednesday.

Bolton and Howell were arrested in Atlanta recently on suspicion of being connected with the gang of alleged swindlers who have secured several thousand dollars from Georgia farmers recently through fake horse race and bucket shop schemes. They were recently indicted by the Fulton county grand jury, but the indictment was later quashed. Both men were held under $5,000 bonds.

Laura Mayfield, the young woman who was arrested Saturday on a shoplifting charge, but who is suspected of being connected with the swindles, was bound over to the state courts by Recorder Johnson, Wednesday morning.

C. W. Reeder, who was taken into custody with the young woman, failed to appear for a hearing before the recorder Wednesday, and his $1,000 bond was forfeited. Both of the young people made their bond for appearance in the state court at the same time, but Reeder later made a sensational escape from the Childs hotel when sought by an officer investigating the case.

Reeder and Miss Mayfield, it is claimed, are connected with Bolton and Howell. All are believed by the authorities to be wanted in Bowling Green, Ky., for alleged charges of operating swindle games and burglarizing haberdashery establishments.

CRAWFORD IS GRATEFUL FOR GIFT FROM SUNDAY

Brigadier A. W. Crawford, of the Salvation Army, yesterday expressed his deep appreciation of the $250 given by Billy Sunday just before his departure for the Salvation Army's work among the poor of Atlanta. "It will doubtless be a source of satisfaction for Mr. Sunday to know," said Brigadier Crawford, "that the gift will be dispensed with the bowels of compassion and accompanied with the gospel message of Christ that both he and I love."

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Court of Ordinary of DeKalb county, Georgia, granted at the December term, 1917, there will be sold before the courthouse door of Fulton county, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in January, 1918, within the legal hours of sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following property of the estate of Mrs. Mary E. Clarke, deceased, to wit:

All that tract and parcel of land lying and being in the city of Atlanta, being part of land lot 46 of the 14th district of originally Henry, now Fulton county, Georgia, more particularly described as follows: Beginning fifty (50) feet east of the southeast corner of Highland avenue (formerly Harris street) and Howell (formerly Howland) street, and running thence south one hundred and two (102) feet; thence east fifty-six (56) feet; thence north one hundred and two (102) feet; thence west along the south side of Highland avenue fifty-six (56) feet to point of beginning, being a part of lots 38 and 39 of the O'Keefe & Nutting subdivision of the Johnson Hill property.

Terms cash.

H. M. ASKEW, Administrator.
GREEN, TILSON & M'KINNEY, Attorneys.

LEGAL
ORDINARY'S NOTICES

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 14, 1917—M. Herzberg has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Jue Jung, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 14, 1917.—Floy Anderson has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Marcellus M. Anderson, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Court of Ordinary, Chambers, December 14, 1917.—To the heirs-at-law of Bertrand N. Healey, deceased, who reside out of said state: William B. Parr having as executor applied for probate in solemn form of the last will of said deceased, you are hereby cited to be and appear at the next January term of said court, on the first Monday in January next, as said will of said deceased will then be offered for probate in solemn form.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Court of Ordinary, Chambers, December 14, 1917.—To the heirs-at-law of John B. Daniel, deceased: Laurie M. Quillian having applied for an order requiring Paul L. Fleming and Lucian L. Knight, the executors of the estate of said deceased, to execute title under a bond for title, you are hereby cited to be and appear at the next January term of said court to be held on the first Monday in January next, then and there to show cause, if any you can, why said order should not be granted.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 14, 1917.—H. N. Smith has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Annie R. Smith, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—Manda Green has applied for letters of administration, with will annexed, on the estate of Rebecca Reid, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—Nina Hornady has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Annie Cornelia Hornady, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next. THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—Eva L. Wheeler has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Samuel S. Wheeler, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—W. R. McKibben has applied for letters of administration on the estate of E. R. Hughey, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—J. M. Lee has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Mrs. M. M. Lee, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—Julia Pratt has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Homer Pratt, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—Mattie Cross has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Julius R. Cross, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—H. E. Cohen has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Davie Cohen, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—R. A. Donaldson has applied for letters of administration on the estate of S. H. Donaldson, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Nora B. Webb has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Dr. E. B. Webb, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Louis J. Elsas has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Eugene M. Elsas, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Notice is hereby given to all concerned that Mary F. Megee, late of said county, died intestate, and no person has applied for administration on the estate of said deceased, and that administration will be vested in the county administrator, or some other fit and proper person, on the first Monday in January next, unless valid objections is made thereto.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Notice is hereby given to all concerned that Mary Chandler, late of said county, died intestate, and no person has applied for administration on the estate of said deceased, and that administration will be vested in the county administrator, or some other fit and proper person, on the first Monday in January next, unless valid objections is made thereto.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Notice is hereby given to all concerned that C. D. Jordan, late of said county, died intestate, and no person has applied for administration on the estate of said deceased, and that administration will be vested in the county administrator, or some other fit and proper person, on the first Monday in January next, unless valid objections is made thereto.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Notice is hereby given to all concerned that Annie Lowe, late of said county, died intestate, and no person has applied for administration on the estate of said deceased, and that administration will be vested in the county administrator, or some other fit and proper person, on the first Monday in January next, unless valid objections is made thereto.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Frampton E. Ellis, as administrator of the estate of Porter Freeman, deceased, has applied for leave to sell the land of said deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned to file their objections, if any they have, on or before the first Monday in January next, else leave will then be granted said applicant, as applied for.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Frampton E. Ellis, as administrator of the estate of John McGuire, deceased, has applied for leave to sell the land of said deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned to file their objections, if any they have, on or before the first Monday in January next, else leave will then be granted said applicant, as applied for.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Mrs. N. M. Morris and A. S. Thompson, as administrators of the estate of Mrs. M. E. Thompson, deceased, have applied for leave to sell the land of said deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned to file their objections, if any they have, on or before the first Monday in January next, else leave will then be granted said applicant, as applied for.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—Lula G. Mauldin, as guardian of R. F. Mauldin, non compos mentis, has applied for leave to sell the land of said R. F. Mauldin. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned to file their objections, if any they have, on or before the first Monday in January next, else leave will then be granted said applicant, as applied for.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—Mrs. E. C. Wright, as administratrix of the estate of John M. Wright, deceased, has applied for leave to sell the land of said deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned to file their objections, if any they have, on or before the first Monday in January next, else leave will then be granted said applicant, as applied for.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Court of Ordinary—At Chambers, December 13, 1917—The appraisers on the application of Alice Chancellor, widow of W. H. Chancellor, deceased, for a twelve months' support for herself, having duly filed her return, all persons are hereby cited to show cause, if any they have, at the next January term of this court, why said application should not be granted.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Court of Ordinary—At Chambers, December 13, 1917—The appraisers on the application of Fannie E. Maddox, widow of G. J. Maddox, deceased, for a twelve months' support for herself and minor children, having duly filed their return, all persons are hereby cited to show cause, if any they have, at the next January term of this court, why said application should not be granted.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Court of Ordinary—At Chambers, December 13, 1917—The appraisers on the application of Addie Blanche Perry, widow of Ben F. Perry, deceased, for a twelve months' support for herself and minor children, having duly filed their return, all persons are hereby cited to show cause, if any they have, at the next January term of this court, why said application should not be granted.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Court of Ordinary—At Chambers, December 13, 1917—The appraisers on the application of Sallie E. Parker, widow of C. T. Parker, deceased, for a twelve months' support for herself, having duly filed her return, all persons are hereby cited to show cause, if any they have, at the next January term of this court, why said application should not be granted.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—Julia A. Gaines and Mary Louise Gaines, as executrixes of the will of Wesly J. Gaines, represent that they have fully discharged the duties of their said trust, and pray for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said executrixes should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—T. J. Middlebrooks, as administrator of the estate of George W. Huie, deceased, represents that he has fully discharged the duties of his said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administrator should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—Richard B. Perry, as administrator of the estate of Rev. A. E. Day, deceased, represents that he has fully discharged the duties of his said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administrator should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—W. T. Smith, as administrator of the estate of Mary C. Smith, deceased, represents that he has fully discharged the duties of his said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administrator should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917—Peter F. Clarke, as guardian of Sophia Stewart, represents that he has fully discharged the duties of his said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said guardian should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—C. J. Adair, as guardian of Lois Bell Schenck, represents that he has fully discharged the duties of his said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said guardian should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Frankie Andrews, as guardian of Idella Andrews, represents that she has fully discharged the duties of her said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said guardian should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Jennie Kutz, Louis J. Regenstein and Walter W. Visanska, as executors of the will of Max Kutz, deceased, represent that they have fully discharged the duties of their said trust, and pray for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said executors should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Mrs. F. W. Plaster, as administratrix of the estate of D. L. Plaster, deceased, represents that she has fully discharged the duties of her said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administratrix should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—J. D. Maisby, as administrator of the estate of Maude Maisby, deceased, represents that he has fully discharged the duties of his said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administrator should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Emma Hendon, as administratrix of the estate of Carl Zoeller, deceased, represents that she has fully discharged the duties of her said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administratrix should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Edward T. Brown, as executor of the will of Henry A. Lowrance, deceased, represents that he has fully discharged the duties of his said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said executor should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Trust Company of Georgia, as administrator of the estate of Emma Scully, deceased, represents that it has fully discharged the duties of its said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administrator should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—S. C. Prichard, as administrator of the estate of Nancy C. Prichard, deceased, represents that he has fully discharged the duties of his said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned, to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administrator should not be discharged.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Court of Ordinary, Chambers, December 13, 1917.—To Fred Farrar, Irene Dernier, Mrs. Thomas G. Drumm, Mrs. E. L. Kimball, Mrs. Kate E. Paige, Hester E. Powers, George F. Blanchard, Mrs. M. E. Blanchard, Mrs. H. Burt and all other persons claiming to be heirs-at-law of Charles E. Currier, deceased, such others being unknown, who reside out of said state:
Trust Company of Georgia having as executor applied for probate in solemn form of the last will of said deceased, you are hereby cited to be and appear at the next January term of said court, on first Monday in January next, as said will of said deceased will then be offered for probate in solemn form.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Notice is hereby given to all concerned that Mary J. Watts, late of said county, died intestate, and no person has applied for administration on the estate of said deceased, and that administration will be vested in the county administrator, or some other fit and proper person, on the first Monday in January next, unless valid objections is made thereto.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Louis J. Elsas has applied for letters of guardianship of the property of Claire S. Elsas, minor, under the age of 14 years. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
In re Estate of Lucy Williams—No. 1407. In Fulton County Court of Ordinary. Application for probate.
To E. M. Williams, greeting:
You are hereby notified that upon the application of Fred Kreis in said court filed, you are required to offer for probate in solemn form in said court at the February term, 1918, which term convenes on first Monday in February next, a pretended will of Lucy Williams, in which you are nominated as executor and named as sole beneficiary. This 21st day of November, 1917.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Notice is hereby given to all concerned that Martha A. Megee, late of said county, died intestate, and no person has applied for administration on the estate of said deceased, and that administration will be vested in the county administrator, or some other fit and proper person, on the first Monday in January next, unless valid objections is made thereto.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County:
Court of Ordinary.
At Chambers, December 13, 1917.
The appraisers on the application of Bessie W. Schmidt, widow of Henry C. Schmidt, deceased, for a twelve months' support for herself and minor child, having duly filed their return, all persons are hereby cited to show cause, if any they have, at the next January term of this court, why said application should not be granted.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County:
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.
Z. T. Adams has applied for letters of administration on the estate of H. T. Adams, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County:
Court of Ordinary.
At Chambers, December 13, 1917.
The appraisers on the application of Mrs. Paul Stieglitz, widow of Paul Stieglitz, deceased, for a twelve months' support for herself and minor children, having duly filed their return, all persons are hereby cited to show cause, if any they have, at the next January term of this court, why said application should not be granted.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 13, 1917.—Mrs. W. C. Rentz has applied for letters of administration on the estate of W. C. Rentz, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Court of Ordinary, Chambers, December 13, 1917.—To the heirs-at-law of William M. Weathers, deceased: R. M. Kenny having applied for an order requiring Sarah Irene Weathers, the administratrix of the estate of said deceased, to execute title under a bond for title, you are hereby cited to be and appear at the next January term of said court, to be held on the first Monday in January next, then and there to show cause, if any you can, why said order should not be granted.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

GEORGIA—Fulton County.
Ordinary's Office, December 26, 1917.—Irene Housworth has applied for letters of guardianship of the person and property of Forrest Hand, minor, under the age of 14 years. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Ordinary.

What About Your Banking Connections for Next Year?

WITH THE COMING OF THE NEW YEAR MANY business concerns will want to change their banking connection. Wisdom dictates that they select a bank that will serve them faithfully, and one which their business will not outgrow.

If YOUR business requires a change of banking relations, we cordially invite you to come in and confer with one of our officers, who will offer you the advantages of the largest bank in the South Atlantic States. This is

—A bank whose Resources and Facilities are fully adequate to your greatest banking needs.
—A bank that your business will not outgrow.
—A bank that will take a personal interest in your welfare.
—A bank that will consider YOUR interests equally with its own.
—A bank with a record of more than fifty-two years of constructive service in this community.

Atlanta National Bank

THE OLDEST NATIONAL BANK IN THE COTTON STATES

CONSTITUTION ON SALE

The Atlanta Constitution can be found on sale every day at the fourteen exchange stores in Camp Gordon. If you fail to buy your copy from the boys in the morning you can drop in at any regimental canteen and get one.

THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION'S

Camp Gordon News

Edited by James A. Hollomon.

CAMP GORDON BUREAU.

Camp Gordon News Bureau of The Constitution is in the "Y" administration building. Soldiers are invited to visit The Constitution, leave poetry, photographs, news, jokes, human-interest stories, etc., and if The Constitution can serve you, command it.

General Burnham to Make the Address At K. of C. Dedication Friday Night

Mayor Candler, J. J. Spalding and Others on Elaborate Program Arranged for Occasion—Governor Dorsey, It Is Hoped, Will Also Be Present and Speak.

With a number of the most prominent civilians of Atlanta scheduled to make addresses and with Brigadier General Burnham on the program for a talk to the assembled soldiers, authorities of the Knights of Columbus hall at Camp Gordon yesterday announced their full plans for the dedication of the building on Friday night of this week at 7 o'clock.

General Erwin was scheduled to make an address on this occasion, but recent orders will mean that it will be impossible for him to fill the engagement. General Burnham, who succeeds him in command of the division until General Swift returns, has consented to make the address for the military department.

Mayor Asa G. Candler, Jack J. Spalding, prominent lawyer of Atlanta, and Lewis D. Sharpe, grand knight of the Atlanta Knights of Columbus, are among those who are scheduled to make addresses.

It is also regarded as highly probable that Governor Hugh M. Dorsey will be present and will address the soldier audience. While Governor Dorsey has not finally accepted the invitation of the Camp Gordon Knights of Columbus, it is understood that he will be present unless providentially hindered from doing so.

Secretary Evans, who is in charge of the Y. M. C. A. at the camp, has also accepted an invitation to be present at the dedication services and to make a few remarks to the assembly.

The dedication services will be extremely elaborate in their nature, according to plans now being made by Secretary Dwight Cusick, secretary in charge of the hall. Mr. Cusick adds that several other prominent personages about the state are also expected to attend the dedication ceremonies. Their names will be announced as soon as some definite information has been gained concerning their coming.

National Airs of Allies To Be a Feature Tonight; Colonel Deems to Speak

A strikingly patriotic program, presented by members of the 319th Field Artillery regiment at Camp Gordon, will be staged tonight at 7 o'clock at Unit 157. The 321st Field Artillery band will appear oftenest on the bill in a number of popular selections.

The real feature of the program will be the closing number, in which will be arranged in medley form the national airs of the various allied nations. Another striking feature of the occasion will be an address delivered by Colonel Clarence Deems, commanding officer of the 321st Field artillery.

The following numbers will constitute the pleasing program, at which a large number of men are expected to be present:

Poplar selections, 321st Field Artillery band.
Address by Colonel Clarence Deems, commander 321st Artillery regiment.
"America."
Battle Hymn of the Republic.
Patriotic medley, 321st Field Artillery band.
"La Marseillaise."
Rule Brittania.
Belgian National Air.
Italian National Air.
Soldiers of the Entente.

82D DIVISION UNITS THAT HELPED CHARITY

Voluntary contributions taken up among the men of a number of organizations at Camp Gordon during the Christmas season amounting to more than $400 were yesterday turned over to the Associated Charities of Atlanta to be devoted to supplying the needs of the poor and unfortunate of the city.

A committee in charge of the expenditure of the fund and assisting the the authorities of the Associated Charities is composed of R. C. Goforth, religious secretary of Y. M. C. A. Unit 155; Sergeant Everett, Company C, 321st Machine Gun battalion, and Sergeant Walkand, Company I, 157th Depot brigade.

The following companies contributed to the collection for the charity fund; Ambulance companies 328, 326 and 325, Field hospitals 325, 326, 327 and 328, Headquarters company 319th Machine Gun battalion; Companies A, C, D, of the 319th; Machine Gun battalion; Company A of the 30th Machine Gun battalion; Companies A and C of the 321st Machine Gun battalion, and Companies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12 of the 157th Depot brigade; the 307th Trench Mortar battery; Company C, of the 30th Machine Gun battalion, and Ambulance company 327.

LIEUT. SHAFFER'S MEN WIN CHRISTMAS MEET

Large Number of Events in the Regimental Contests, and Company Winners.

The athletic championship meet of the 307th Engineer regiment was held Christmas afternoon on the regimental field, with a considerable number of members of the organization making entries for the prizes offered the winners by merchants and business concerns of Atlanta. Major Eugene Kelley was in charge of the meet.

D company of the engineers, of which Lieutenant Carleton B. Shaffer is athletic officer, won the regimental championship, with C company a close second, and with A company in third place.

The events of the meet started with a 50-yard dash, to the winner of which Parks-Chambers-Hardwick company offered a pair of leggings. Gilbert, of D company, won handily, with Lipschultz, A company, second, and Gertman, headquarters company, third.

The 100-yard dash was won by Clark, C company, and also a toilet kit offered by Cox's prescription store. Hinkus, C company, ran second, and Patterson, E company, third.

Burton, F company, won the running broad jump, with a pair of gloves from Daniel Bros. company, and Hinkus, C company, took second, and Gilbert, D company, third.

E company took the relay race, and with it a box of fine cigars from Tom Pitt's soda place.

The contest of the manual of arms, the feature of the meet, was won by Goldschmidt, of D company. Marcus & Holly and Nunnaly's and Sam Asher & Bros. furnished the prizes.

Immediately after the track meet occurred three good rounds of boxing. The feature of the fighting part of the program was an exhibition bout between Soldier Lamar and Billy Skeen, both members of the engineers. Corporal Smith, A company, and Haban, F company, pulled off the second fight, and McGrath, corporal of C company, mixed with a man from B company. Jack Hayes, Cone's drug store, Oppenheim Cigar company and King Hardware company furnished the prizes for these events.

CAMP IN BRIEF

Camp Secretary F. W. Evans, in charge of the Camp Gordon Y. M. C. A. work, has been spending the Christmas season at home in Mobile, Ala.

Friends of Private Murray Roth, well known song writer of New York, will be grieved to know that he is in the base hospital. His condition is not regarded serious and he probably will be out in a very short time.

Office Secretary Hendrix, who has recently been accepted by the aviation corps, is at camp on duty awaiting orders from his department. He returned yesterday from his home in Jackson, Miss.

P. V. Cusick, uncle of Secretary Dwight Cusick, of the Knights of Columbus hall, is spending the holiday season at Camp Gordon. Mr. Cusick's home is at Crooksville, Ohio.

Officials of the Camp Gordon military police department are delighted at the fact that not a single arrest was made at the camp for disorderly conduct during the Christmas season. This is a splendid record, for in no instance was the vigilance of the guards increased and the men were given as much leave during the holidays as consistent with regulations.

The family of Educational Director Phillips, of the Army "Y," were his guests at dinner at the Y. M. C. A. mess hall at Unit 149 Christmas day.

The postoffice and express company at Camp Gordon are receiving evidences of the appreciation of the men for the efficient manner in which they handled the mail and express situation at the camp during the holidays.

MRS. MEADE PLEASES BIG SOLDIER AUDIENCE

One of the most attractive entertainments ever given at Camp Gordon was staged last night at Y. M. C. A. Unit 150 by Mrs. Katherine Meade, of Milwaukee, Wis., who is spending the holidays in Atlanta in order to be near her son, who is a member of the 307th Field Signal battalion.

Mrs. Meade is an accomplished vocalist and reader, having been for some time a professional entertainer with the Lyceum Bureau company. Her offerings were received with great enthusiasm and applause by the large soldier audience present during the program.

Christmas in the Barracks

Flashlight by Francis E. Price.

Scene in the mess hall of Company G, 326th Regiment, at the big Christmas celebration Sunday evening, at which a present was given to every boy in the company. Similar celebrations were held all over the camp.

Atlanta and North Georgia Did Their Part Well; Appreciation Extended Through The Constitution

For the hundreds of boys at Camp Gordon who have enjoyed the hospitality of the homes of Atlanta and North Georgia during the thirty-eight hours Christmas furlough from camp, we desire to thank the Atlanta Constitution and other publications, which furthered this movement and pushed it to such a successful conclusion. The citizens of this section made it possible for these men who were unable to get to their own homes to get the cheer of Christmas firesides and enjoy the home comforts so dear at this season. And they are to be commended beyond measure for this hospitality. Atlanta has done her part well by the soldiers at this Christmas time.

A. M. SOUBY,
Camp Social Secretary, Army Y. M. C. A.

DWIGHT CUSICK,
Secretary Knights of Columbus.

FRANCIS WANENMACHER,
Lieutenant, Chaplain 327th Inf. Reg.

M'PHERSON SOLDIERS ENJOYING FESTIVITIES

One Hundred and Fifty of Them in Atlanta Homes for Christmas.

The men in khaki at Fort McPherson who are using Y. M. C. A. building No. 1, had a real Christmas. Due to the generous co-operation of the people of Atlanta and particularly of those of the churches of West End, College Park, East Point, Capitol View and Oakland City, many a soldier's heart was made glad. The Christmas season was opened Christmas eve, when, under the auspices of these churches, the big Christmas tree celebration occurred. A most interesting and delightful program was presented, each church presenting one or more numbers which were thoroughly enjoyed and loudly applauded by the men. The concluding feature was the placing in the hands of each of the 900 men a package, the gift of some member or friend of these churches. As the boys say, "It made us all feel good to think that we were remembered in this way," and these packages will be the means of some very fine friendships between giver and receiver. The program was in direct charge of Dr. Kirkpatrick, and was a most joyous occasion for the men went to bed as happy as little children on Christmas eve.

Xmas Morning Celebration.

Christmas morning a Christmas celebration was held at Candler warehouse, where Company C of the 17th Infantry is doing duty day and night. And as these young soldiers listened to a program of stringed music and songs and recitations, and as they too received their gift, their faces and hearts were aglow with happiness. Another big feature of the day was the invitation out to dinner Christmas day. About 150 soldiers from Fort McPherson enjoyed the hospitality of homes of Atlanta. Many of the boys are from the north and the real hospitality of these southern homes made the day one long to be remembered. The good things the boys are telling the Y. M. C. A. secretaries should be passed on, for they are so enthusiastic in the wonderful times they enjoyed Christmas in these homes. Not only was the inner man filled with an abundance of good things, but the friendly spirit of hospitality is the larger part of their joy.

Mrs. C. L. Bovard deserves much credit for her part in placing these men, and she is filling a large place in the lives of the boys of Fort McPherson. It is hoped that even a larger number of homes will be open to the soldiers for Sundays and New Year's, for this is one of the best ways of helping the soldier. Telephone West 9153, and Mrs. Bovard will provide the men for entertainment.

The Evening Program.

To complete the happiness of Christmas day, the program of Christmas night was just the thing. The first movie was shown and it was a dandy. Jack Pickford, in "His Mother's Son," was a real delight to the boys. Following this picture, Dr. Purser, of the West End Baptist church, presented his choir to the boys, and the program of high-class music given by them was very greatly appreciated. Every member of the choir is a soloist of unusual ability, and in addition to the solo numbers the quartet selections were most beautifully rendered. The quality of music presented by this choir was of such unusual merit that they are invited back some time next month by request of the boys. And so the Christmas spirit, the spirit of unselfishness, was real and this first Christmas of the war will be one happily remembered by the soldier boys of Fort McPherson.

The festivities of the season will continue during the week ending with a big home talent entertainment on New Year's eve, where the generous friends of the neighboring churches will be the guests of the soldier boys.

326TH INFANTRY UNITS LEAVE FOR THE RANGE

Big Body of Soldiers Moves to Norcross Wednesday and Will Return Friday.

The various units of the 326th Infantry regiment at Camp Gordon yesterday morning began leaving the reservation for the small arms range at Norcross, to fill the place of the 325th infantrymen, who returned Monday for the Christmas celebrations.

During the entire day the men were on the march to the range, and supplies and clothing were being transported there by means of wagon trains. Officials state that the organization will return from the range on Friday afternoon, to be immediately supplanted in all probability by the 327th infantry.

Despite the bad weather, officials add, the range is in exceptionally fine condition and the target points are practically unaffected by the weather. The surrounding roads are, of course, in bad condition, but the range ground proper has suffered little from the recent bad weather.

Brigadier General Burnham and Major Beebe, chief of staff, visited the range during Wednesday afternoon on an informal tour of inspection.

3 DEAD AT WHEELER, ALL FROM PNEUMONIA

Macon, Ga., December 26.—There were three deaths at the base hospital at Camp Wheeler today:

David A. Griffith, 106th Ammunition Train, Caison No. 2, pneumonia; Hampton Daniels, Company D, 124th Infantry, pneumonia; Atlan Smith, Company C, 122d Infantry, pneumonia.

GEORGIA BOY, WOUNDED, IMPATIENT TO BE BACK

Albrecht Wants to Go Again to Trenches—Sends Father Souvenir From German.

Charles Albrecht, a prominent citizen of Columbus, Ga., is in the city visiting relatives during the holidays, and a cherished present received by him on Christmas morning was a letter from his son, Cyril Albrecht, who is a member of the Canadian infantry on the firing line.

Young Albrecht, in a fierce engagement some weeks ago, in which a number of his company were killed and wounded, was severely wounded himself, and was taken to the base hospital in the rear. He is now convalescing, and in the letter to his father he declares that while the hospital physicians are trying to make him believe he is wounded to such extent that he must spend the remainder of the war in the service behind the lines, either in the quartermaster or some clerical position, he says he is determined to get back into the trenches and help finish the job that has been started. "I must be in the fighting," he writes. "You may think it foolish of me to say this, but the office is no place for one while men are needed to fire the guns and break over the top, and back I am going, if they will let me."

Young Albrecht inclosed his father an envelope taken from the pocket of a dead German on the field of battle in which he, too, fell wounded.

Acrobat Joins Navy.

When Loew's Grand theater made arrangements to bring to Atlanta The Three Aitkens, a high-class acrobatic act which will appear there Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the management really expected Four Aitkens. There will only be three of them, however, for James O. Aitken, or "Jimmy" as he is better known, has gone to fight for his Uncle Samuel. Jimmy's father is the head of the act and had been recognized by Jimmy as "boss" until the unpleasantness with Kaiser Bill came along, and Jimmy then "upped" and joined the navy, and the first his father knew of it was when James announced the fact.

His dad, however, said any time his boy wanted to join Uncle Sam's navy it was O. K. with the whole Aitken family. Incidentally, Jimmy Aitken has already been promoted to the rank of petty officer in the surgeon's department on board a battleship.

Two Stevedore Soldiers Dead.

Washington, December 26.—In the list of deaths among the American expeditionary forces in France reported to the war department today by General Pershing were those of Corporal Leonard Ford, labor company, and Private A. D. Steele, stevedore battalion. Both occurred December 24 from natural causes. Ford's mother, Cora Ford, lives at Houma, La., and Steele's wife, Carrie B. Steele, at Fulton, Miss.

Jitney Drivers to Camp Gordon Alleged To Have Charged Men Unreasonable Fares

Because Soldiers Had to Report Back at Specific Times It Is Alleged the One-Man Rate Ran Up to From One to Five Dollars.

Indignation at the alleged advantage taken of them by jitney drivers who run between Atlanta and Camp Gordon was running rampant among men of the camp yesterday following the experiences of a large number of soldiers in Atlanta during Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning.

Thousands of soldiers who left the camp on a leave of thirty-eight hours were obliged to return to the camp by 7 o'clock Wednesday morning to report again for duty, and in addition, a larger crowd of soldiers than usual thronged the streets of Atlanta during the holiday with the intention of returning to their barracks to sleep Christmas night.

Jitney drivers, it is alleged, realized the fact that the street cars on the single-track line could not accommodate even a reasonable percentage of the enormous traffic to the camp, and they also realized the necessity of returning to the reservation on the part of the men, who would incur the displeasure of the military authorities in the event that they did not show up on scheduled time.

Consequently, the established 35-cent or 50-cent fare to the camp immediately went up with the jitney men to from $1 to $5 a head, and in some cases higher, it is said. And the fact that the jitney men had the soldiers completely at their mercy made the situation even more galling to the Camp Gordon soldiers.

Although many of the soldiers, it is said, were obliged to give up unreasonable amounts of their scanty earnings to the jitney drivers, they are swearing vengeance and are prepared to ride on the street cars entirely in the future, provided these conveyances can be made to present themselves at the camp at sufficiently frequent intervals and with an adequate number of cars to accommodate the traffic.

The entire transportation situation is a deplorable one. With a single-track line the street car service is entirely inadequate during rush hours, Saturday afternoons and holidays, and the lack of regulation in the jitney fares combine to make the problem uncertain and the expense burdens unreasonable.

319TH F. A. GLEE CLUB OPENS SEASON TONIGHT

Concert to Be Staged at the Auditorium for the Benefit of Entire Division.

The recently organized glee club of the 319th Field Artillery regiment, composed of nineteen trained singers and a band of accomplished musicians, will present its first program at the auditorium tonight at 7 o'clock to members of the army division at Camp Gordon.

Among the members of the glee club are some of the best known entertainers at the camp, and the regimental band which renders valuable aid in the performance has a reputation for being one of the best on the reservation.

The following are the numbers to be presented by the members of the glee club and band:

"Rifle Regiment March" (Sousa), band; "Hawaiian Overture" (M. L. Lake), band; "Soldiers' Chorus" (Faust), glee club, band accompaniment; "Serenade" (Hayden), sextette; "Evening Star," H. H. Barry, band accompaniment; "Quartette di Concerto" (Eugenio Perolini), band; "New Hail, Columbia" (Chadwick), glee club; "Invictus" (Bruno Huhn), sextette; "319th Field Artillery Song," band accompaniment; "Star-Spangled Banner," band accompaniment; march, "Bombasto" (Farrar), band.

The following is the personnel of the glee club, together with the leader of the 319th Field Artillery band:

Sextette—President, John J. Shaffer, Battery F; conductor, Howard K. Sanford, Battery D; Wentz, Elcherly, Sanford, Shaffey, Valpey, Fleiger.

Band—Thomas Tedesco, leader.

First Tenors—Alfred Wentz, Battery D; Guy Elcherly, Headquarters company; Arthur Roeger, Battery F.

Second Tenors—H. R. Sanfors, Battery D; Albert Axeberg, Supply company; John Sheffey, Battery F; Frank Polak, Battery E.

First Basses—William Hughes, Battery E; Harry Becker, Battery E; M. H. Berry, Headquarters company.

Second Basses—Frank Valpey, Battery F; J. Fleiger, Supply company; Burtrom Guerry, Battery A; D. A. Dumas, Headquarters company; Felix Favorite, Supply company.

Dixie Overland Officials Gratified by Selection Of Route for Post Road

Columbus, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—Officials at the headquarters of the Dixie Overland highway, located in this city, are gratified at the practical recognition given this highway by the postal department in establishing automobile routes between leading cities in this section. The postal automobile route from Macon to Columbus will be over the Dixie and Dixie Overland highways jointly. Out of Macon the route will lie over the Dixie highway as far as Montezuma, and from Montezuma to Columbus over the Dixie Overland. Pleasure cars go from Columbus to Macon over 100 miles by this route, in five hours.

The automobile postal route out of Montgomery to Columbus and its Alabama suburbs will utilize the Dixie Overland highway for much of the distance.

The Dixie Overland highway extends from Savannah to Los Angeles.

No girl or woman who sees "Everywoman" can ever forget it. It will be at Atlanta theater Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and 2. Matinees New Year's day and Wednesday.

AMUSEMENTS

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ELSIE FERGUSON
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TWO ALABAMA SOLDIERS GUILTY OF DESERTION

Sentenced to Long Terms, Despite Plea of Mere Absence Without Leave.

By Frank Craigie.

Macon, Ga., December 26.—(Special.) Private Fred R. Van Roader, company F, 123d infantry, has been sentenced by general court-martial at Camp Wheeler, to serve twelve years at hard labor at the disciplinary barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He was found guilty of desertion after an adbsence of two weeks.

Private Elder Suell, of battery E, 117th Field Artillery, formerly Troop K, First Alabama cavalry, was sentenced to eight years at Fort Leavenworth, on a similar charge. In each case the court rejected the plea of mere absence without leave and acted upon the charge of desertion.

Weather permitting, the first and third battalions of the 122d infantry (Fifth Georgia), will go to rifle range at Phillips' Siding Thursday morning. Major A. W. Candler will command the first battalion and Captain George J. Garcia the third, which was formerly commanded by Major William J. Preston, recently discharged from the service. Colonel Orville H. Hall will accompany the troops. Brigadier General Walter A. Harris is commanding the 31st division in the absence of Brigadier General John L. Hayden, who is in Washington, D. C., for physical examination.

MRS. BRIDGES SMITH, WIFE OF EX-MAYOR, IS DEAD IN MACON

Macon, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Bridges Smith, wife of Macon's best loved citizen, died this afternoon at 3 o'clock, following a stroke of appoplexy that she suffered at 11 o'clock this morning at the family home, 855 Second street. Members of her family were at her side, they having come for the family reunion held on Christmas day.

Mrs. Smith was Miss Katrina Goelz, of Macon. In 1886 she married Mr. Bridges Smith, who has been city clerk and mayor of Macon and who is ow judge of the newly-created juvenile court.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons, Burgess W. Smith, of Washington, D. C.; John F. Smith and George B. Smith, of Macon; two sisters, Mrs. James Boone and Miss Margaret Goelz, of Macon; two nieces, Mrs. C. S. McKay and Miss Sallie Boone, also of Macon.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the First Presbyterian church, of which Rev. Dr. R. E. Douglas is pastor. In the church and out, Mrs. Smith had always been charitably inclined. The poor were never forgotten by her. She had a wide circle of friends.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

LAURENS PREACHER IS SHOT TO DEATH BY FARM TENANT

Dublin, Ga., December 26.—(Special.) Rev. J. H. Taylor, Baptist preacher and farmer living near Dudley, this county, was shot and instantly willed this morning by Howard Stinson, a renter on Taylor's place. Stinson gave up and is now in Laurens county jail.

Stinson claims self-defense. He stated today that he was working on his field when Taylor and his two boys, about 12 years of age, came up.

He says that Taylor demanded that he (Stinson) pay him $2.50, which he claimed Stinson owed him, and when the latter replied he did not owe it, sent his two boys to get three limbs from woods nearby. When they returned, Stinson states all three advanced on him and, when they did not stop after being warned, he pulled his pistol and fired four times, killing Taylor instantly.

The only eye witnesses to the tragedy were Taylor's two boys. Taylor was a well-known preacher, who had resided in this county a good many years. His remains will be interred Thursday at Dudley.

With Fireworks Banned, Citizens of Statesboro Spend Christmas Hunting

Statesboro, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—Christmas in Statesboro was the quietest ever known here. The customary fireworks of Christmas eve were abandoned. All that could get a gun went to the woods, hunting, but no accidents have been reported. The merchants reported trade the best they had ever had. With a patriotic feeling, the teachers in the public school here introduced a plan to eliminate fireworks by getting their pupils to sign a pledge not to indulge in them, and as a result some of the merchants who carried fireworks are protesting. There were several turkey shoots near Statesboro, and some lovers of this sport got one or more turkeys for the nominal entrance fee.

SEVERAL BURKE COUNTY FARMS CHANGE OWNERS

Statesboro, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—For the past week Statesboro and Bulloch county real estate has been active, and several transfers have been made.

C. A. Wilson, of near Harville, has sold one of the best farms in the county and will move to Statesboro, having purchased the residence of M. F. Stubbs on South Main street. It is understood Mr. Stubbs will build near the place he sold to Mr. Wilson. C. D. Allen has sold his home to E. L. Smith, of Statesboro. J. S. Kenan has sold his farm near Brooklet to Messrs. Cromely and Cook, of Brooklet. There have been several other transfers made. Mr. Wilson says his reason for selling his farm is fear of the boll weevil.

MEETING OF WAYCROSS LEADERS IS PLANNED

Waycross, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—The Progress club is arranging a meeting of business men of the city during the early part of January which promises to be one of the biggest events of its kind ever held here.

R. E. Trexler, chairman of a recent meeting of the Progress club, was authorized to name a committee to work out all necessary plans and named the following on the official committee: Dan Lott, S. G. Coleman, Howard Harley, C. V. Stanton and J. R. Whitman, and an advisory committee of the following: W. C. Denny, president of the Motor club; H. D. Redd, president of the Progress club; K. F. Rymer, president of the Merchants' association; V. L. Stanton, president of the chamber of commerce; Johnson Williams, business manager of the Waycross Journal-Herald.

AMERICUS PEOPLE GET FIVE BARRELS OF SUGAR

Americus, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—Americus sugar famine was relieved yesterday when about five barrels consigned to retailers arrived and were quickly sold to consumers, many of whom had been without sugar entirely for more than a week. The sales were restricted to 2½ pounds to a buyer, and the supply was distributed among hundreds of people before it was exhausted about noon. The merchants here say sugar shipments have been on the way to Americus during more than two weeks, but none of the stuff sent by freight has yet arrived. Many persons were compelled to forego the usual Christmas sweets as a consequence of the famine.

The Constitution's Markets, Business and Financial News

Sharp Cotton Advance, All Active Months Making New Season Records

Few Sellers Appeared and the Strength of the Near Positions Dominated the Entire List—The January Shorts in Hole.

RANGE IN NEW YORK COTTON.

	Open	High	Low	Close.	Prev. Close.
January	29.80	30.55	29.80	30.53	29.75
March	29.44	29.95	29.35	29.93	29.26
May	29.05	29.55	29.04	29.53	28.96
July	28.72	29.16	28.66	29.14	28.65
October	27.45	24.60	27.45	27.98	27.45

Closed strong.

RANGE IN NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

	Open	High	Low	Close.	Prev. Close.
January	28.75	29.36	28.70	29.32	28.68
March	28.43	28.83	28.32	28.81	28.24
May	28.15	28.53	28.10	28.49	28.03
July	27.92	28.35	27.89	28.32	27.84
October	26.60	26.72	26.68	26.85	26.52

New York, December 26.—There was a sharp advance in cotton today, with all the active months making new high records for the season. Trading was not active or general, but there appeared to be very few sellers, and the strength of the near positions dominated the entire list. January sold up to 30.55c during the late trading, or 80 points above Monday's closing figure, and closed at 30.53c, with the general list closing strong at a net gain of 43 to 78 points.

The market opened steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 23 points, with January relatively firm. It was the first January notice day, but no notices were issued, and traders seemed to doubt whether much cotton will be brought here for delivery unless shipments from the local stock make more warehouse room available. After showing a net advance of about 20 to 30 points, the market reacted 10 or 12 points under realizing. There also was some scattered southern selling, but trade interests were buyers on the setback and prices soon firmed up again.

Covering became more active as the market worked above the early high levels, and stop orders were uncovered on the late advance which carried March contracts up to 29.95c, May to 29.55c and July to 29.16c, or about 50 to 80 points net higher on the active months. Last prices were within 2 or 3 points of the best. Traders found no news feature over the holiday to cause any fresh sentiment, and interest seemed to center on the situation in the near month.

It was believed that practically all the cotton available for delivery on contract here had been tendered on December, leaving the January short interest without any protection other than that which might be afforded by fresh shipments from the south.

Spot cotton quiet; middling, 31.50c.

STEADY DEMAND RESULTS IN STIFF PRICE ADVANCES

New Orleans, December 26.—A stiff advance resulted in cotton here today from a steady demand which late in the session reached large proportions. In the early trading buying was encouraged by the absence of January tenders; later it was prompted by the firmness of spot prices, southern markets in some instances reaching 30 cents and over for middling. At the highest levels of the day prices were 50 to 68 points up and all months were at new high records. The close showed net gains of 46 to 67 points.

The opening was higher because no January notices were issued. This was first notice day for the incoming spot month and it had been expected considerable cotton would be tendered at the first opportunity. With no notices, shorts went to covering and a demand sprang up on the long side. The inquiry met with scanty offerings. After rising 16 to 29 points on most active months the market fell off somewhat under holiday dullness but in the early afternoon large traders were prominent bidders and buyers and prices made a quick response. The highest levels were reached on the showing made by the spot markets.

Locally, spots were 12 points up at 29.25 for middling. January at its best sold at 29.36, the highest future quotations ever posted in this market.

Spots in New Orleans.

Spot cotton steady, 12 points up. Sales on the spot, 3,046; to arrive, 1,026. Low middling, 28.37; middling, 29.25; good middling, 29.75. Receipts, 2,542; stock, 356,517.

COTTON MOVEMENT.

ATLANTA WAREHOUSE COMPANY:
Atlanta 4's, 31c.

ATLANTA COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE:
Good middling, 30.85c.

Receipts, 2,311 bales.
Shipments, 1,068 bales.
Sales, 500 bales.
Stock, 50,128 bales.

Port Movement.

Nw Orleans—Middling, 29.25; receipts, 2,542; exports, 9,505; sales, 4,072; stock, 356,517.

Galveston—Middling, 29.90; receipts, 1,808; exports, 7,137; sales, 504; stock, 257,961.

Mobile—Middling, 29.25; receipts, 31; sales 10; stock, 13,904.

Savannah—Middling, 29.50; receipts, 5,973; sales, 435; stock, 236,569.

Charleston—Middling, 29½; receipts, 662; stock, 58,588.

Wilmington—Middling, 29½; receipts, 7; stock, 48,455.

Texas City—Stock, 17,684.

Norfolk—Middling, 29.50; receipts, 683; sales, 123; stock, 82,666.

Baltimore—Stock, 28,683.

Boston—Middling, 31.00; stock, 16,100.

Philadelphia—Middling, 31.75; stock,

New York—Middling, 31.50; receipts, 100; stock, 141,717.

Minor Ports—Stock, 38,941.

Total Today—Receipts, 11,806; exports, 16,642; stock, 1,305,294.

Total for Week—Receipts, 87,418; exports, 48,721.

Total for Season—Receipts, 3,486,532; exports, 2,143,418.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 29.75; receipts, 4,926; shipments, 3,568; sales, 2,842; stock, 220,466.

Memphis—Middling, 29.50; receipts, 3,655; shipments, 2,851; sales, 1,250; stock, 262,078.

Augusta—Middling, 29.69; receipts, 1,898; stock, 157,388.

St. Louis—Middling, 29.75; receipts, 6,427; shipments, 6,772; stock, 12,900.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 936; shipments, 153; stock, 21,490.

Little Rock—Middling, 29.75; receipts, 237; shipments, 893; sales, 893; stock, 51,457.

Dallas—Middling, 29.65; sales, 2,421.

Montgomery—Middling, 30.00; sales, 35.

Atlanta (Semi-Weekly)—Stock, 50,128.

Total Today—Receipts, 18,079; shipments, 15,235; stock, 725,723.

Comparative Port Receipts.

Ports—	Last Year.	Wednesday.
Galveston	7,183	1,808
New Orleans	3,998	2,542
Mobile	196	31
Savannah	1,886	5,913
Charleston	365	662
Wilmington	104	7
Norfolk	1,327	683
New York	417	100
Boston	1,124	935
Pacific Ports	10,871	.....
Various	3,500	.....
Totals all ports	30,971	11,806

Interior Receipts.

Ports—	Last Year.	Wednesday.
Augusta	1,124	1,898
Memphis	6,984	3,655
St. Louis	1,354	6,427
Cincinnati	2,240	936
Houston	5,282	4,926
Little Rock	1,019	237
Totals	18,003	18,079

Metals.

New York, December 26.—Metal exchange quotes lead firm; spot, 6.70 bid; spelter, quiet; East St. Louis delivery, spot, 7.50 bid. At London—Holiday.

Dry Goods.

New York, December 26.—Cotton goods here today were quiet and firm. Yarns were firm. Worsted yarns were quiet, with spinners well employed. Knit goods were firm and assortments of winter wear much broken.

WAYCROSS TELEPHONE GIRLS GO ON STRIKE

Waycross, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—For the first time in twenty-five years Waycross is totally without telephone service. After two hours' notice, the entire operating force of the local Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph service walked out. According to the statement of Manager Brinson, the girls said they were striking in sympathy with the Jacksonville operators, who struck about ten days ago, and that they wanted the same things that the Jacksonville operators wanted.

Waycross people never realized the tremendous advantage of a telephone until last night. Recently Waycross has been without electric lights for a short time, and for a few days has been without gas, and for several months without street cars, and while the loss in each instance was great, yet, the loss of none of them compared with the loss of the telephone for a single night. The telephone company is not attempting to answer any calls.

ATLANTA QUOTATIONS ON COTTON SEED PRODUCTS

	Bid.	Asked.
DECEMBER—		
Crude oil, prime basis	$ 1.31¼	.....
Cotton seed meal, 7 per cent ammonia	47.50	.....
Cotton seed meal, 7 per cent, Georgia common rate point	47.50	.....
Cotton seed hulls, loose	19.00	$20.00
Cotton seed hulls, sacked	22.50	23.50
Linters, clean mill run	.05¼	.05½
JANUARY—		
Crude oil, prime basis	1.31¼	.....
Cotton seed meal, 7 per cent ammonia	47.50	.....
Cotton seed meal, 7 per cent, Georgia common rate point	47.50	.....
Cotton seed hulls, loose	19.00	20.00
Cotton seed hulls, sacked	22.50	23.50
Linters, clean mill run	.05¼	.05½

Cotton Seed Quotations.

Georgia common rate points.........$70@75
Cotton seed f. o. b. Atlanta.........75@80

PROFESSIONAL VIEWS OF COTTON SITUATION

New York, December 26.—(Special.)—Today's market fully sustained our recent prediction that new high levels for the season would be witnessed before the end of the year. We continue to look for a further advance, but believe in cautious operations as swings will naturally be large and violent at the present level.

JOHNSTON, STORM & CO.

New York, December 26.—(Special.)—Today was first notice day for January delivery, but there were no notices in circulation and this had the effect of strengthening January as well as the March position. Spot firms were buyers of near contracts against the selling of more distant ones. Firmness in the spot markets helped to bring about an advance to close to the 30-cent level for March. The buying was mainly by trade interests and the recovering of contracts sold at a lower level. Exports were 16,642 bales.

J. W. JAY & CO.

New York, December 26.—(Special.)—In a market where nearly all the traders expect the spinners will become free buyers after the turn of the year there were naturally few sellers except to take profits. With these conditions any little demand advanced prices and that has been the situation today. Room traders felt that the tendency would be to buy and bid prices up. From the opening no change is to be noted in the export situation. We think there will be a given amount of tonnage allotted each month by the British government sufficient to run the English mills, but not to permit the accumulation of any large stock in Liverpool. They evidently prefer to have the cotton carried by America until it is needed, when it will be exported in moderate quantities.

HUBBARD BROTHERS & CO.

Cotton Seed Oil.

New York, December 26.—Aside from a little liquidation in the May delivery, cotton oil was firm today on short covering and buying by refiners. December and March sold to 19.50; January to 19.32 and May to 19.00. Final bids were unchanged to 6 points net higher. Sales, 8,300 barrels; prime crude 17.50 nominal. The market closed steady. Spot, 19.00 bid.

The range in futures follows:

	Open.	Close.
December	19.00@19.75	19.10@19.90
January	19.10@19.30	19.26@19.30
February	19.10 bid	19.20 bid
March	19.38@19.60	19.45@19.51
April	....	19.46 bid
May	19.00 ask	....

Tone steady; sales, 8,300.

Live Stock.

Chicago, December 26.—Hogs—Receipts, 36,000; strong. Bulk, $16.90@17.25; light, $16.25@17.20; mixed, $16.70@17.30; heavy, $16.60@17.30; rough, $16.60@16.80; pigs, $12.00@16.00.

Cattle—Receipts, 12,000; strong. Native steers, $7.45@14.40; western steers not quoted, season over until next August; stockers and feeders, $6.65@10.30; cows and heifers, $5.30@11.40; calves, $8.50@10.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 19,000; steady. Wethers, $9.00@13.10; ewes, $8.00@11.90; lambs, $12.60@16.40.

St. Louis, December 26.—Hogs—Receipts, 9,500, higher. Lights, $17.00@17.25; pigs, $14.00@15.75; mixed and butchers, $17.00@$17.35; good heavy, $17.20@17.45; bulk, $17.00@17.40.

Cattle—Receipts, 6,300, steady. Native beef steers, $8.00@14.25; yearling steers and heifers, $7.00@15.50; cows, $5.00@11.00; stockers and feeders, $6.50@11.00; Texas quarantine steers, $9.00@12.75; fair to prime southern beef steers, $6.75@10.50; beef cows and heifers, $6.00@10.00; prime yearling steers and heifers, $7.50@10.00; native calves, $5.75@16.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000, higher. Lambs, $13.00@16.40; ewes, $10.00@11.50; wethers, $11.00@12.50; canners and choppers, $6.00@9.00.

Kansas City, December 26.—Hogs—Receipts, 5,500, higher. Bulk, $16.50@17.10; heavy, $16.90@17.20; packers and butchers, $16.50@17.10; light, $16.00@17.00; pigs, $13.00@15.50.

Cattle—Receipts, 9,000; higher. Prime fed steers, $12.00@14.50; dressed beef steers, $11.00@12.50; southern steers, $7.00@9.00; cows, $6.00@9.50; heifers, $6.50@10.50; stockers and feeders, $7.00@11.25; bulls, $6.75@8.75; calves, $6.75@13.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; higher. Lambs, $15.25@16.15; yearlings, $13.00@14.10; wethers, $11.00@13.00; ewes, $9.00@11.50.

WEATHER STIFFENS PRICES FOR CORN

Owing to Prevalent Low Temperatures and Prospect of Transportation Delays, Offerings Were Scarce—Oats Higher.

Chicago, December 26.—Corn prices hardened today owing more or less to the fact that cold weather throughout the west was expected to continue for several days and that railroad operations would be interfered with. The market closed firm, ⅛ to ⅝ net higher, with January 1.26⅜ to 1.26½, and May 1.24⅞@1.25. Oats gained 1⅛c to 1⅜c. In provisions the outcome ranged from 30c decline to a rise of 5c.

Although trade in corn was entirely of a holiday character, buyers had a little the advantage from the outset. Offerings were scarce and rural notices of consignments lacked bulk. Prevalent low temperatures seemed to be largely responsible. Any decided upward swing in values was checked by knowledge that the general cold and absence of moisture could not escape having a favorable effect toward curing the new crop.

Oats touched the highest prices this season. Impetus for the upturn came chiefly from signs of a revival of seaboard shipping demand.

Free selling by western holders more than offset in the provision market a show of strength due to falling off in arrivals of hogs. Sales were ascribed to a desire for profits.

Chicago Quotations.

The following were the ruling prices on the exchange Wednesday:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
CORN—					
Dec.	1.27⅝	1.27⅝	1.27½	1.27⅝	1.27⅝
Jan.	1.26	1.26½	1.25⅝	1.26⅝	1.25⅞
May	1.24⅝	1.25	1.24½	1.24⅞	1.24½
OATS—					
Dec.	.78¼	.79⅞	.78	.79½	.78⅝
Mar.	.78¾	.79⅞	.78	.79½	.78⅜
May	.75½	.76⅝	.75¼	.76½	.75⅜
PORK—					
Jan.	46.50	46.62	46.00	46.00	46.25
May	46.15	46.15	35.60	45.60	45.90
LARD—					
Jan.	24.35	24.40	24.20	24.20	24.15
May	24.80	24.80	24.57	24.57	24.55
RIBS—					
Jan.	24.35	24.50	24.12	24.17	24.20
May	24.70	24.85	24.70	24.85	24.65

Receipts in Chicago.

	Thursday.	Estimated Wednesday.
Wheat	51	25
Corn	231	244
Oats	284	275
Hogs	26,000	.....

Cash Grain.

Chicago, December 26.—Corn, Nos. 2 and 3 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, $1.65@1.70.

Oats—No. 3 white, 80@81; standard, 81@81½.

Rye—No. 2, $1.82@1.82½.

Barley, $1.38@1.57.

Timothy, $5.00@7.50.

Clover, $20.00@26.00.

Kansas City, December 26.—Corn—No. 2 mixed, $1.67@1.70; No. 2 white, $1.70; No. 2 yellow, $1.70@1.72.

Oats—No. 2 white, 81½; No. 2 mixed, 79½@80.

Atlanta Bank Clearings.

Clearings Wednesday..........$9,200,924.68
Same day last year..........4,055,705.34

Increase for day..........$5,145,219.34

Money Market.

New York, December 26.—Mercantile paper, 5½@5¾; sterling, 0-day bills, 4.71¾; commercial, 60-day bills on banks, 4.71; commercial, 60-day bills, 4.70½; demand, 4.75¼; cables, 4.76 7-16.

Bar silver, 86⅝.

Time loans, firm; 60, 90 days and six months, 5¾@6.

Francs, demand 5.73¾; cables, 5.71¾. Guilders, demand 43¼; cables, 44. Lires, demand, 8.34; cables, 8.32. Rubles, demand, 13; cables, 13½. Mexican dollars, 68½. Government bonds irregular. Railroad bonds irregular.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE IN ATLANTA MARKET

The following information collected by the United States department of agriculture, bureau of markets, Atlanta branch, together with detail reports from other cities, will be mailed fre of charge upon request. These are jobbing prices, namely, less carload prices on large lots to jobbers, and not retail prices:

Apples—Arrived, 1 car Virginia. Not previously reported Monday, 2 cars West Virginias, 1 car California. Market, quiet; no sales reported.

Cabbage—not previously reported Monday, 1 car Wisconsins. Market quiet; no sales reported.

Sweet Potatoes—Monday and Wednesday arrivals: One car Florida, two cars Georgia. Market quiet; no sales reported.

White Potatoes—Arrived, 2 cars Unknown. Market quiet; no sales reported.

Lettuce—Supplies very light. Market quiet; no sales reported.

Egg Plant—Supplies very light. Market quiet; no sales reported.

Peppers—Supplies very light; market quiet; no sales reported.

String Beans—Supplies very light; market quiet; no sales reported.

Oranges—Monday and Wednesday arrivals: Eight cars Florida. Market quiet; no sales reported.

Grapefruit—No fresh arrivals; market quiet; no sales reported.

Naval Stores.

Savannah, Ga., December 26.—Turpentine, firm, 43¾; sales, 272; receipts, 446; shipments, 89; stock, 26,121.

Rosin, firm; sales, 1,003; receipts, 2,850; shipments, 1,098; stock, 81,950.

Quote—B, D, E, F, G, H and I, $6.10; K, $6.65; M, $6.95; N, $7.30; window glass, $7.60; water white, $7.75.

Jacksonville, Fla., December 26.—Turpentine, firm, 43½@44; sales, 610; receipts, 74; shipments, 1,19; stock, 60,347.

Rosin, firm; sales, 1,498; receipts, 676; shipments, 3,135; stock, 153,194.

Quote—A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I, $6.05; K, $6.50; M, $6.80; N, $7.25@7.30; window glass $7.40@7.45; water white $7.50@7.55.

RAILS LED IN POST HOLIDAY DECLINE

Score of Issues Drop 1 to 4 Points, With Still Lower Records for St. Paul and B. & O. Preferred—Industrials Suffer Also.

New York, December 26.—Rails led the post-holiday recessional on the stock exchange, a score of those issues declining 1 to 4 points, with yet lower records for St. Paul preferred at 62½ and Baltimore and Ohio preferred and common at 48¼ and 38¼, respectively.

The fresh reaction was popularly associated with indications that the administration is soon to announce its policy of railroad control, congress to share in the responsibility.

An illustration of the caution with which transportation companies are proceeding was furnished by the Delaware and Hudson directors. A regular dividend was declared for the first quarter of 1918, instead of ordering payments for the full year, as was long the custom.

Industrials suffered almost as much as rails, deriving their impulse from sporadic liquidation of equipments. For this no explanation was vouchsafed other than a possible further revision of prices by the war board.

Trading lapsed after the first hour, the market coming to a standstill in the intermediate and later periods, except for a weakening of utilities. Leaders made nominal rallies just before the close, chiefly Reading and Union Pacific; United States Steel showing a net loss of 2 points at 83½.

Foreign bonds forfeited much of their recent recovery on the less favorable war views presented by representative banking interests. Liberty issues were active, the 4s making a new minimum on the decline from 97 to 96.70, the 3½s holding at 98.50 to 98.22. Total sales, par value, aggregated $4,650,000.

United States bonds (old issues) were unchanged on call.

Stocks in New York.

STOCKS.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Am. Beet Sugar	66	64½	64¾	66
Am. Can	34⅝	33⅞	34	34¾
Am. Car & Foundry	64¼	63	63	64¾
Am. Locomotive	50	48⅜	49	50½
Am. S. & Ref.	70⅞	69⅝	70	70⅝
Am. Sugar			93	92½
Am. T. & T.	101⅝	99⅝	99¾	101⅝
Anaconda Copper	57	55⅝	56⅝	56⅝
Atchison	78¼	78	78	78½
Atlantic Coast Line	83½	83⅜	83½	82
Baldwin Locomotive	56⅝	54¼	54⅝	56½
Baltimore & Ohio	41	38¼	39¾	40⅝
Beth. Steel "B"	71½	68⅞	68½	71½
Canadian Pacific	131½	129½	130	132½
Central Leather	59⅝	58⅛	58½	59¼
Ches. & Ohio	43⅝	42⅛	42⅝	43
C. M. & St. P.	38	36	36⅜	37¼
C., R. I. & P.	17¼	16⅜	17¼	17
Colo. F. & I.	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	33¼
Col. Gas & Elec.	30½	30½	30½	30½
Corn Products	28⅞	28½	28⅝	28⅞
Crucible Steel	50¼	48½	49	50½
Cuba Cane Sugar	26⅝	25⅝	25⅝	27
Erie	14	13½	13⅝	14
General Motors	96	92½	93	96
Great Northern, pfd.	82	80⅛	80½	81
Do, ore ctfs.	24½	24	24	24⅝
Gulf States Steel			83½	85
General Electric	123½	122⅝	122¾	124½
Inspiration Copper	40	39¼	39½	40½
Int. Mer. Mar.	20½	19½	19¾	21
Do, pfd.	80	78	78¼	80¾
Int. Nickel	26⅞	26	26¼	27½
Int. Paper	23½	23½	23½	23½
Illinois Central	86⅞	86⅛	86⅛	87
Kennecott Copper	30⅜	30	30¼	30⅜
L. & N.	107⅞	106	106	108⅝
Maxwell Motors	22¾	21⅝	21⅝	23
Mexican Petroleum	74¼	72¼	73⅞	73⅞
Midvale Steel	42¼	41½	41⅞	42
Missouri Pacific	22⅞	21⅞	22	22⅞
Nevada Cons.	17	17	17	16½
N. Y. Central	64	63	63½	64½
N. Y., N. H. & H.	27½	26½	26⅞	28
Norfolk & Western	97½	96	96½	97
Northern Pacific	77½	75⅜	75⅜	77⅞
Ohio Cities Gas	34½	33⅞	33⅞	34⅝
Pennsylvania	43	42	42¼	43¼
Pittsburg Coal	40	40	40	40½
Ray Cons. Copper	20⅞	20¼	20⅜	20⅝
Reading	69	65⅜	67⅝	68¼
Rep. I. & S.	75	74⅝	74⅝	76
Seaboard Air Line			7½	7½
Do, pfd.	17	16⅝	16⅝	17
Sinclair O. & Ref.	27⅞	27	27	29
Sloss.-Shef. S. & I.	36½	36	36½	35
Southern Pacific	78	77	77⅞	78½
Southern Railway	22⅞	21⅞	22	22½
Do, pfd.	55⅞	55½	55½	56
Studebaker Corp.	44⅝	42½	42⅝	44½
Tenn. Copper	12	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞
Texas Co.	129½	124½	125½	129
Tobacco Products	46	45⅝	46	47¾
Union Pacific	105	102⅝	103⅝	104½
United Cigar Stores	87½	87	87	89
United Fruit	111½	111	111	112
U. S. Ind. Alc.	110½	109¼	109¼	111⅝
U. S. Rubber	49½	49	49	49
U. S. Steel	85¼	83⅛	83½	85½
Do, pfd.	104⅞	103¾	103¾	104⅞
Utah Copper	75	74⅛	74¼	75½
Va.-Caro. Chem.	32	31	31⅝	31½
Wabash pfd. "A"	37	37	37	37⅝
Westinghouse Elec.	37	36	36	37

Sales, 405,900 shares.

Bonds in New York.

U. S. 2s, registered	96½
U. S. 2s, coupon	96½
U. S. 3s, registered	99
U. S. 3s, coupon	99
U. S. Liberty 3½s	98.40
U. S. 4s, registered	103¾
U. S. 4s, coupon	103¾
American Foreign Securities 5s	94¼
Am. Tel. & Tel. clt. 5s	89⅞
Anglo-French 5s	87¼
Atchison gen. 4s	83
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	81
Baltimore and Ohio cv. 4½s	70⅞
Bethlehem Steel ref. 5s	87
Central of Georgia Cons. 5s	82½
Central Leather 5s	93½
Chesapeake and Ohio cv. 5s	73⅝
C., B. & Q. joint 4s	91½
C., M. & St. P. cv. 4½s	71
C., R. I. & P. Ry. ref. 4s	62
Colorado and Southern ref. 4½s	68½
Denver and Rio Grande ref. 5s	41
Dominion of Canada 5s (1931)	87¼
Erie gen. 4s	47⅝
Illinois Central ref. 4s	76¼
Int. Mer. Marine 6s	90
Kansas City Southern ref. 5s	75½
Liggett & Myers 5s	86
L. & N. un. 4s	84⅝
M., K. & T. 1st 4s	56¼
Missouri Pacific gen. 4s	53⅝
New York Central deb. 6s	88½
Norfolk and Western con. 4s	81¼
Northern Pacific 4s	83
Pennsylvania Cons. 4½s	95⅝
Pennsylvania gen. 4½s	86½
Reading gen. 4s	83½
Rep. I. & S. 5s (1940)	93
St. Louis & San Fran. adj. 6s	54
Seaboard Air Line adj. 5s	45
Southern Bell Tel. 5s	91½
Southern Pacific cv. 5s	85⅝
Southern Railway 5s	90½
Do, gen. 4s	57
Texas Company cv. 6s	94
Texas & Pacific 1st	83
Union Pacific 4s	86½
United Kingdom 5s	97¼
U. S. Steel 5s	96
Va.-Car. Chem. 5s	90
Wabash 1st	95

Country Produce.

New York, December 26.—Butter, steady; receipts, 5,536. Creamery, extras, 49@49½; creamery, special market, 50@50½; imitation creamery, firsts, 38@49; state dairy, tubs, nominal.

Eggs—Firm; receipts, 4,360. Near-by white fancy, 68@70; near-by mixed fancy, 56@61; fresh firsts, 56@61.

Cheese, firm; state mill, common to specials, 17@25; skims, common to specials, 8@19½.

Dressed poultry, easy; turkeys, 25@40; chickens, 21½@36; fowls, 18@27½; ducks, 26@28. Live poultry, weak; geese, 24@25; ducks, 24@25; fowls, 23@26; turkeys, 33@35; roosters, 18; chickens, broilers, 24@28.

Chicago, December 26.—Butter—Creamery extras, 48½; creamery firsts, 48; firsts, 42½@47; seconds, 39@40½.

Eggs—Ordinaries, 44@46; firsts, 48@51.

Cheese—Twins, 23¼@23; young Americas, 26@28¼.

Live Poultry—Fowls, 18@23; ducks, 18@23; geese, 17@21; springs, 21; turkeys, 25.

Potatoes—Cars, Wisconsin and Minnesota, $1.90@2.10; fancy westerns, $2.00@2.25.

Kansas City, December 26.—Butter, eggs and poultry unchanged.

Commodities in New York.

New York, December 26.—Flour, dull and nominal.

Pork, firm; mess, $52.00@52.50.

Lard, irregular and lower; middle west spot, $24.95@25.05.

Sugar—Raw, dull; centrifugal, 96-test, $5.92; refined, dull; cut loaf, $8.65; crushed, $9.40; powdered, $8.30@8.55; granulated, $8.15@8.35.

Coffee—Rio No. 7, on spot, 7¾@7⅞.

Tallow, specials, 17½@16¾.

Hay, steady; No. 1, $1.40@1.45; No. 3, $1.00@1.10; clover, $1.00@1.35.

Coffee.

New York, December 26.—The market for coffee futures was somewhat unsettled today. Recent advances appeared to have been sufficient to bring in some realizing, and there was also trade selling which was supposed to be against purchases in the cost and freight market. Prices opened at a decline of 6 to 11 points in consequence, but the early offerings were soon absorbed around 7.70 for May and 8.04 for September. Rallies of a few points followed on a renewal of the recent buying movement or covering with May selling at 7.73 and September at 8.07 in the late trading. The close was one point higher to 4 points lower. December and January, 7.42; March, 7.60; May, 7.75; July, 7.90; September, 8.06; October, 8.14.

Spot coffee steady; Rio 7's, 8c; Santos 4's, 9⅝c. The cost and freight market was about unchanged, the offers received including Santos 3's and 4's at 9.55 and Santos 4's at 9.45, London credits.

The official cables reported an unchanged market at Rio. Santos was 50 reis higher on spots and 25 to 100 reis higher on futures. Rio cleared 2,000 bags for New York. Brazilian port receipts, 69,000; Judiahy receipts, 44,000.

Sugar.

New York, December 26.—The market for raw sugar was more active today, sales being reported to the committee of 60,000 bags of Cubas for December and January shipment at 4.985, cost and freight, equal to 6.005 for centrifugal, duty paid New York, and 20,000 bags of Cubas, December shipment to Savannah at 4.96, cost and freight. The new price reported at New York represented a slight advance over the last sale, attributed to a fluctuation in the cost of importation. This is evidently being very closely figured, as indicated by today's quotation extending into three decimal places. The market closed at 4.985 for Cubas, cost and freight, equal to 6.005 for centrifugal. Four thousand tons of old crop sugar purchased for Sweden were released for distribution through the American refiners' committee.

In refined no increase was noted in business, but with the raw sugar commencing to be sold in greater volume, local refiners are expected to begin operations soon and business become a little more general.

Prices were unchanged at 8.15 to 8.35 for fine granulated, with some of the refiners still out of the market.

Rice.

New Orleans, December 26.—Rough and clean rice were steady today, with quotations unchanged.

Receipts: Rough, 4,270 sacks; millers, 4,270; clean, 6,179 pockets. Sales: Clean blue rose, 4,179 pockets.

Provisions.

Chicago, December 26.—Cash:
Pork, nominal.
Lard, $24.25.
Ribs, $23.87@24.37.

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Bonds   Short-Term Notes   Acceptances

Today's Prices on the Atlanta Commodity Markets

Local Stocks and Bonds

STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Atlanta National Bank	285	295
Atlantic Ice and Coal Corp.	73	74
Atlantic Ice and Coal Corp., pfd.	87	90
A. & W. P. Ry.	155	160
Atlantic Steel	150	...
do. pfd.	95	97
Central Bank and Trust Corp.	149	153
Augusta and Savannah Ry.	102	104
Fulton National Bank	112½	115
Fourth National Bank	295	310
Exposition Cotton Mills	175	186
Gate City Cotton Mills	225	...
Ga. Ry. and Electric, 6 per cent.	85	87
Ga. Ry. and Elec. stamped	125	125
Ga. Ry. and Power Co., 1st pfd.	93	96½
Ga. Ry. and Power Co., 2d pfd.	21	23
Ga. Ry. and Power Co., common	12	13
Ga. Ry. and Banking Co.	265	270
Empire Cotton Oil Co.	53	60
Empire Cotton Oil Co., pfd.	96	98
Southern Ice Co.	10	15
Southern Ice Co., pfd.	45	53
Southeastern Railroad	104	107
Trust Co. of Ga.	295	309
Third National Bank	215	217½
Lowry National Bank	225½	227

THE ATLANTA PRODUCE MARKET.

Fruits.

Grapefruit	$3.50
Grapes, crate $3.25, keg	$5.50
Lemons	$5.00@6.50
Apples, per barrel	$5.00@7.00
Apples, per box	$1.50@2.75
Oranges, per box	$3.75@4.00
Bananas	3½@3¾
Raisions	$2.25

Vegetables.

Cabbage, per pound	3c
Celery, washed, per dozen	$1.25
Lettuce, dozen	$1.00@1.25
Onions, yellow	$3.50
Onions, white	$4.00
Irish potatoes, pound	3⅜@3c
Sweet potatoes	$1.25@1.40
Turnips	1½c

Poultry and Eggs.

Eggs	45@54c
Hens	26@28c
Friers	28@30c
Turkeys, live	28@30c
Friers, live	28@30c

ATLANTA LIVE STOCK MARKET.

(Corrected by W. H. White, Jr., President of the White Provision Company.)

Good to choice beef steers, 850 to 1,000, $8.50 to $9.00.

Good steers, 750 to 850, $8.25 to $8.75.

Medium to good steers, 650 to 750, $7.75 to $8.25.

Good to choice heifers, 550 to 650, $6.50 to $8.00.

Medium to good cows, 650 to 750, $6.75 to $7.25.

Good to hcoice heifers, 550 to 650, $6.50 to $7.00.

The above represents ruling prices for good quality cattle. Inferior grades and dairy types selling lower.

Medium to good steers, 650 to 750, $7.25 to $7.75.

Medium to good cows, 600 to 700, $6.00 to $6.75.

Mixed common, $5.00 to $6.00.
Good fat oxen, $7.50 to $8.00.
Medium to good oxen, $6.50 to $7.25.
Good butcher bulls, $6.00 to $7.00.
Choice veal calves, $7.00 to $8.00.
Yearlings, $6.00 to $6.50.
Prime hogs, 165 to 225, $14.25 to $14.75.
Light hogs, 130 to 165, $13.25 to $14.00.
Heavy pigs, 100 to 130, $12.50 to $13.00.
Light pigs, 80 to 100, $11.00 to $12.00.
Stags and roughs, $10.00 to $11.00.

Above quotations apply to good quality mixed fed hogs.

ATLANTA GROCERIES.

(By Cone M. Maddox Company.)
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Baking Powders—Success, 48 5c packages	$ 1.80
Bran—Pillsbury's Health Bran, 1 doz. packages	1.35
Brooms—4-string 22, per dozen	8.00
Catsup—Bull head, 2 dozen 8-oz. bottles	2.70
Cheese	.29
Coffee—Arbuckle's, 100-bl. cases	18.25
Coffee, Rio Roasted, 100-lb. sacks	11.75
Coffee—Arbuckle's Breakfast, 60-lb. cans	.24¾
Corn—Canned, 2 dozen No. 2s	2.25
Corn Flakes—Post Toasties, 36 pkgs.	3.30
Corn Flakes—Kellogg's 36 pkgs.	3.40
Corn Flakes—Krinkles, 36 pkgs.	2.85
Corn, Okra and Tomatoes—2 dozen, No. 2, canned	3.28
Crackers—Sodas in boxes, bulk	.14
Flour—Pillsbury's Best, sacks	11.75
Flour—Pillsbury's Graham, 12-lb. sacks	11.35
Flour—Pillsbury's Whole Wheat, 12-pound sacks	11.50
Flour—Pillsbury's Pure Dark Rye, 98 pounds	9.50
Flour—Columbia Fancy Patent, sacks	11.75
Flour—Sweet Marie Self-Rising, sacks	11.75
Flour—Quick Riser, Self-Rising, sacks	11.00
Grits—24 pkgs. Purity Quaker	2.85
Grape Nuts—No. 22, 2 doz. 15c pkgs.	2.85
Jelly—Glucose Apple, in 26-lb. pails.	2.25
Lard—Compound	.22
Lard—Snowdrift, cases	12.25
Macaroni—Pkgs., 5c, 10c	2.20
Macaroni—Broken in bbls.	.09
Mackerel—100 count, 5-6 oz. Fat Shore	3.00
Meal—Columbus Water Ground, 2-bushel sacks	2.80
Milk—Dime Brand Condensed, 48 cs.	6.25
Milk—Eagle Brand, Condensed, 48 cs.	8.70
Milk—Winner Brand, Con., 48 cans	8.25
Milk—Evap., baby size, 96 cans	6.25
Mince Meat—Atmore's Keystone, 40-pound pails	.15
Mincemeat—Goodwin's Best, 70-lb. Kannikans	.12½
Molasses—Black Strap, bbls.	.42
Mustard—2 doz. 10c	1.80
Oatmeal—18 round packages	1.80
Oil—Cooking, in barrels, refined	1.52
Oil—Wesson, 8-1 gallons	15.25
Oil—Wessons, 3-5 gallons	13.00
Oil—Wessons, 2 doz. small cans	7.40
Okra—2 doz. No. 2s, Dunbar's end.	2.00
Peaches—Choice Evap. 50-lb. bxs	.13
Pepper—Durkee's, 5c and 10c pkgs.	1.90
Pepper—Ground, black, 15-lb. pails.	.35
Pepper—Cayenne, 10-lb. boxes, bulk	.33
Raisins—45 12-oz. pkgs., White Ribbon	4.25
Raisons—Loose Muscats, 50-lb. boxes	.10
Raisins—Seeded, 25-lb. boxes, bulk	.09
Raisins—Thompson's Bleached, 50-lb. boxes	.14
Rice—Head, 100-lb. sacks Blue Rose	8.75
Salad Dressing—Durkees' Picnic size	2.30
Salad Dressing—Duncan's medium size	5.40
Salt—Ozone, 25 2-lb. packages	.90
Soap—Fairy, 100 bars	5.75
Soap—Ivory, 100 bars	5.65
Soap—Clean Easy, 60 bars	2.60
Soap—U. S. Mail, 120 8-oz. bars	4.35
Soap—Fairbank's Tar, 100 bars	5.00
Soup—Campbell's Condensed, 48 cs.	4.65
Spaghetti—5c and 10c pkgs., per case	2.20
Starch—Bulk, 50-lb. boxes laundry	.07
Sugar—Granulated, sacks or barrels	Nominal
Syrup—Eagle, in barrels, 60 gals.	.65
Syrup—Alaga, 48 1½-lb. cans	5.75
Syrup—Sunnygold, 48 ½-lb. cans	5.50
Syrup—Alaga, 6-10c, $4.75; 12-5s, $5.00; 2½s	5.25
Tomatoes—Canned, 2 doz. No. 2s	3.00
Vitos—Pillsbury's Vitos in pkgs.	2.20
Vinegar—Colored distilled, barrels	.16
Vinegar—Apple and Distilled, bbls.	.22
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No Game Booked for Saturday

NO GAME CLOSED FOR SATURDAY

Coach Bean Has Not Been Able to Book a Game for Atlanta Athletic Club Quint.

It begins to look as if there will be no game of basket ball at the Atlanta Athletic club for Saturday night.

Coach Bean is still endeavoring to book a game with some five for that date, but as yet has not been successful.

However, he has not given up all hope, and practice goes steadily on. If no game is arranged, the next game will be with Camp Sevier, Saturday week.

BOB FITZSIMMONS FOUGHT LAST BOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO

Bill Lang knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons in the twelfth round in Australia on December 27, 1909, just eight years ago today. This was the late Ruby Robert's last battle, his defeat by the third-rate fighter, Lang, finally convincing him that he was "all in" as a boxer. Bob was 47 when he returned to the land where he had first won fame as a pugilist to make his inglorious exit from the game in which he had so long been supreme. Prior to that he had been whipped by Jack Johnson and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, as well as by Jeffries. Bob fought his first professional ring battle in 1881, in New Zealand, and a few years later went to Australia. He came to America in 1890. He won the world's middleweight title a year later by defeating Dempsey and annexed the heavyweight championship in 1897 by whipping Corbett.

ANOTHER SPORT SCRIBE ENTERS UNCLE SAM'S ARMY

William Brush Ruggles, sporting editor of The Galveston Daily News, is now a second lieutenant in the army.

Bill was the most widely read writer on sporting topics in the southwest and his writings were frequently copied.

He graduated from the training camp at Leon Springs, Texas.

SPRING GAMES FIXED FOR REDS AND TIGERS

Detroit, December 26.—A series of ten or twelve games between the Cincinnati National and the Detroit American league baseball clubs will be part of the spring training work of the two teams, it was announced here today. Definite dates for the games have not been decided upon, but the teams are expected to play two contests at Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, and will start north about April 6. The Detroit players will assemble at Waxahachie, Texas, March 20.

SPORT SPASMS

Among the many things that have gone up in blue smoke is the well-known Herzog bubble. Jawn McGraw is manager of the Giants, and not Charley Herzog, and don't you forget it.

Bobby Veach, of the Tigers, drove in 115 runs last season, leading the American league in this respect.

Swede Risberg, of the Cubs, is coaching the winter baseball team at the Presidio, San Francisco.

TODAY IN PUGILISM

1909—Charley Goldman and Young O'Leary fought a ten-round draw at Brooklyn.

1910—Porky Flynn defeated Jack (Twin) Sullivan in twelve rounds at Boston.

1911—Carl Morris, the Oklahoma Giant, outpointed Tom Kennedy in ten rounds at New York.

1911—Jim Flynn knocked out Tony Caponi in the second round at Salt Lake City, Utah.

1911—Al Palzer knocked out Al Kaufmann in the fifth round at New York.

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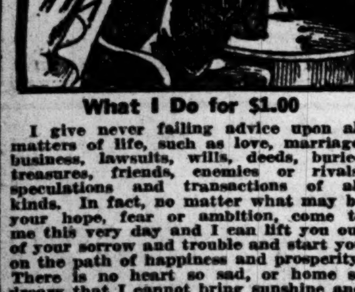

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MIKE FINN LINING UP HIS LOOKOUTS

New Battery and Outfielder Secured—Seven New Men Have Been Landed.

Chattanooga, Tenn., December 26.—(Special.)—Manager Mike Finn announces the annexation of a new battery by the Lookouts, also the completion of the deal by which Cueto, the Cuban outfielder, formerly with Cincinnati, becomes a Lookout along with Pitcher Ring. Pitcher Reuther was not corraled.

The new pitcher is one Verbout, from the Wilkes-Barre team of the New York State league. Last season, Verbout won twenty-six games and lost seven, batted .221 and fielded .978. He was easily the star pitcher of the New York State league, and Finn thinks he'll prove a great pitcher for the locals.

Larry Brown, who caught for Finn two years at Mobile, and of late years has been catching and managing in the Central association, has been signed to do the receiving stunt for the 1918 locals. His acquisition means that he'll be a rival for Peters and McDaniels, though it is rumored that there will be a brand-new set of receivers for the Lookouts.

Cueto, according to the records, ought to make the local club a corking outfielder. He played in a lot of games for the Reds and was always only a little short of being a regular. He is as fast as lightning, a good fielder and fair hitter.

Finn writes that Verbout is married and that Cueto is not subject to draft. The Lookout boss is taking care that every man he secures will be free from the draft.

Dope on Others.

The "dope" on Lohman, the pitcher bought from Rochester, sounds like he should be one of the best boxmen in this man's league. He was with a seventh place club in the International league, yet he won twenty-three and lost thirteen games. He would not have been turned loose had it not been that the International is practically certain not to start the 1918 season.

Graham, the catcher, bought about ten days ago from the International, caught sixty-eight games and batted .267. All of the scouts were after him until he was taken ill shortly after mid-season. He has recovered now. His home is in Nashville, and Finn is keeping in close touch with him.

The further you go with the new Lookouts the better they get. Flagstead, the outfielder from the Northwestern league, secured through Detroit, batted .381. He fielded .951, but his batting average is what the average fan will look at.

Miller, the other outfielder secured from Detroit, hit .337 in the Central association. He played at Clinton under Larry Brown, and was picked up for Detroit by Larry Brown. Billy Sullivan picked up Flagstead.

COTTON SEED PRICE SHOULD SHOW GAINS

Soule Says Fixing of Price on Meal Should Send Seed Prices Up.

A letter tonight to the state market bureau from Federal Food Administrator A. M. Soule gives, for the first time, the federal administration's official figures on the products of a ton of cotton seed, on which is fixed the value of a ton of raw seed in the hands of the farmer; a price of $75 per ton, f. o. b. shipping points in car lots. This calculates an allowance of $2 per ton for the buyer and $2 per ton freight.

The letter from the administrator to the state market bureau is as follows:

On Producer's Price.

Mr. L. B. Jackson, Director State Bureau of Markets, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir: In reply to your favor of December 2, we beg to advise that while the affect of the action taken by the cotton seed crushers of Georgia and Alabama at the suggestion of the United States food administration in naming the maximum price which should be charged for cotton seed meal and their bi-products, was to stabilize and reduce the price of these products to the ultimate consumer, the price agreed upon should in no sense cause a reduction of the price paid for the cotton seed.

Since the maximum price at which these products should be sold has been fixed and the differential allowed the crushers for handling cotton seed has been definitely fixed, there should be no difficulty in arriving at the price which should be paid the producer for his seed, and it is our opinion that the producer should actually receive a greater price upon the average for his cotton seed now than when he had no idea of the value of same. I beg to quote the official yields from a ton of cotton seed as has been determined for the states of Georgia and Alabama.

43 Gallons of oil, $1.31¼	$56.35
960 Pounds of meal, $47.50	22.80
140 Pounds of lint, 4¾c	6.65
480 Poudns of hulls, $18.00	4.32
Total	$90.12
Official differential	13.00
Price delivered to mill	$77.12
Buying cost $2.00	
Freight 2.00—	4.00
Price to be paid producer	$73.12

These values, of course, based on prime, sound seed.

From the above you will observe that the minimum price to be paid for cotton seed in Georgia and Alabama should be $73.00 per ton and the price in car load lots f. o. b. at any point should be $2.00 a ton additional or $75.00. All producers of seed should carefully note the tables above presented and should not sell their seed at a price below that above quoted. In this connection we would direct attention to the fact that in all conferences, here and in Washington, the administration has consistently adhered to its policy of maintaining and encouraging a liberally fair price to the producer for all farm products and to insure their quickest delivery to the ultimate consumer in a direct line, plus a fair and reasonable margin only.

Yours very truly,
ARTHUR M. SOULE,
Federal Food Administrator for Georgia.
December 26, 1917.

Director Jackson's Appeal.

The foregoing from Dr. Soule is in reply to the following letter of December 22, from Director L. B. Jackson:

Federal Food Administration for Georgia, Atlanta, Ga.—Dear Sirs: We desire to call to your attention a discrepancy between the present price of cotton seed and the price of the products as per your scale.

The best price we could get offered today on cotton seed in car-lots was $72.50 per ton f. o. b. shipping point. We understand that you are allowing the crusher $13 a ton (exclusive of freight) to cover overhead expense and profit. Take the prices of the products which have been stabilized by your action and deduct the $13 you are allowing the crusher and you will find that seed should be selling for more than $72.50 per ton in car-lots f. o. b. shipping point.

It seems to us that in view of the fact that products now have a stable price and that the gross profit of the crusher has been defined by you that it would be in order for you to name the proper price for the purchase of seed in car-lots at a figure based on the sum total of the products minus the gross profit of the crusher. By doing this you will raise the present price of cotton seed and do away with a lot of confusion.

Please advise us your decision on this. Respectfully,
STATE BUREAU OF MARKETS,
L. B. JACKSON, Director.
December 22, 1917.

THOUSANDS OF MEN FROM GORDON WALK

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to the point where Camp Gordon represents a suburb of between 30,000 and 40,000 people. The cantonment is now a much more permanent proposition than was at first anticipated by the original promoters of the plan to get the cantonment located in the vicinity of Atlanta. I should not be surprised if the permanency of the camp is now far better assured than the street car company anticipated. The fact that the government desires to maintain a big repair shop at Atlanta for a period of not less than five years indicates that the government does not intend that Camp Gordon shall be a temporary training camp."

"The street railway company was able to carry about 6,000 people an hour to the Southeastern fair by means of a double track. It seems to me that the company ought so to equip itself that it could take care of from 3,000 to 6,000 people an hour between Atlanta and Camp Gordon whenever it becomes necessary."

Men Cannot Use Passes.

Officers at the camp stated that the car service is at all times inadequate, in view of the number of men, and that the lack of full transportation facilities is a serious drawback to the soldiers as individuals. It is no unusual thing to have soldiers return their leave passes without ever having used them owing to the lack of sufficient cars from the camp.

J. K. Orr, acting chairman of the public safety committee, which has been handling the transportation situation between the city and the camp, declined to comment on the situation. He merely stated that a month or six weeks ago a committee, representing the public safety committee, called upon the commander of Camp Gordon in regard to the necessity for more service between the city and the camp, and that it was agreed at that time that the service was adequate for the immediate needs of the cantonment, in view of which circumstance the public safety committee decided to await further developments. Mr. Orr stated that he did not know whether there has been any material change in conditions since the interview with the commanding general. He intimated, however, that the public safety committee might hold a meeting within the next few days and look into the situation.

The double track has been laid to a point slightly beyond Buckhead. President Arkwright stated Wednesday that bad weather and other circumstances had resulted in very little progress being made upon the construction of the second line of tracks recently, but that he expected further work to be accomplished in this direction next week.

SETTLEMENT FORECAST OF SAN FRANCISCO STRIKE

San Francisco, December 26.—An early settlement of the strike of 15,000 foundry workers and others here was in sight tonight, according to a statement from an authoritative source. The statement said that an increase of 5 per cent over the amount granted these workers by the federal shipbuilding wage adjustment board was being discussed by the employers and other concessions were being considered. The men were said to be displaying a friendly spirit and to be anxious to reach an agreement that would end the strike.

Gavin McNab, an attorney, who, as a special mediator, arranged a settlement of the strike of thirty thousand ship yards and foundry employees here recently, was called into consultation by the employers at a meeting today.

Last Friday a Tipton woman found a pearl in some oysters, the gem being valued at $100. Which is another argument in favor of oysters as a substitute for meat.

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AMUSEMENTS

"Experience."

(At the Atlanta.)

In the presentation of "Experience," now playing at the Atlanta theater, theatergoers of Atlanta have an opportunity to see a production as good as, and, in some respects, even better than the show of last year, when "Experience" first came south.

The fact that Christmas hours sent The Constitution to press early Tuesday night prevented this paper from carrying the review that the company now playing in "Experience" deserves.

Most of the principals in the cast are the same as last year, which is to say that the cast is capable and, for those who like a show of the "Experience" sort, worth seeing a second time. Certainly this is true of the charming work of Leona Hogarth in the Frailty role; of Leonard Doyle, as Youth; of Leota Sinclair, as Intoxication, and many others of the cast who were here in the last company.

A new member of the cast is Duncan Penwarden, who succeeded Paul Gilmore in the Experience part. Mr. Penwarden's portrayal of this important role is highly creditable.

The settings, costumes and music are all that could be asked.

There will be evening performances every night for the remainder of the week, with a matinee Saturday.

NED M'INTOSH.

"Everywoman" Coming.

(At the Atlanta.)

Seats will go on sale this morning at the Atlanta theater for the Henry W. Savage wonder spectacle, "Everywoman." The fable of "Everywoman" and her pilgrimage in quest of love is unfolded with picturesque and appropriate incident; and the pattern of the allegory is complete in every detail. Paula Shay is the "Everywoman" of the present company. She is a sculptural young actress and exactly typifies the ideal Everywoman. Percy Parsons is the Dantesque figure of Nobody and Townsend Ahern embodies with dignity the figure of King Love. Marguerite Batterson is charming to eye and ear as Youth, and Ruth Helen Davis appears as the figure Truth. While "Everywoman" abounds in a gentle sort of human humor it is displayed with every embellishment of modern stagecraft, sumptuous gowning and perfection of scenic detail. It is a gem of literature that can but rank with the productions by which we mark our standards, a human document that carries its appeal to the mind that is simple, as well as the mind that is complex. It is a stirring, appealing sermon that reaches into the soul and leaves a thought that stays—a wonderful modern play that is for all time, that is universal. This play, "Everywoman," is simple, straightforward and subtle only with the delicate niceties of candor and the delicate shadings of truth. Appealing to everybody, it was written for every woman. The production is past all description, tasteful and costly, and no more picturesque, no more wonderful production has ever been housed in the Atlanta theater.

New Show Thursday.

(At Loew's Grand Theater.)

As its headline feature, the new vaudeville bill which opens at Loew's Grand theater with the Thursday matinee, will have Maude Leone, the beautiful ex-wife of Willard Mack. She will appear in a laughable "movie" farce, which was written for her by her ex-husband. LeRoy and Hartman will appear in a singing skit. Bob Carlin furnishes a big laugh with his comedy patter and character songs. Scanlon and Press are a sensational pair of whirlwind dancers. The bill is completed by the Three Aitkens, in an acrobatic novelty. The photoplay is "The Kingdom of Love," starring pretty Jewel Carmel. Loew's Universal Current Events and comedy reels will complete the picture program.

Rita Gould.

(At B. F. Keith's Lyric.)

The Atlanta debut of Rita Gould, famous beauty of "The Winter Garden" and of "Ziegfeld's Follies," comes this afternoon when this "girl of the gladsome personality" appears as top feature of the weekend vaudeville show at B. F. Keith's Lyric. She will appear in a revue of smart gowns and new songs—a distinctive costume for every number. "A Night in Honolulu," a splendid musical comedy hit, will be presented by a company of nine, as another feature. Still others, in addition to the Hearst-Pathe news pictures, and Burton Holmes travelogues, will be Alfred Farrell, the artist who makes striking pictures from rags; Archer and Ward, in songs and patter, and "Tarzan," the "human" chimpanzee.

For Freedom of the World.

(At the Vaudette.)

One of the biggest war pictures, and one most true to actual facts, is being offered at the Vaudette theater, beginning today. It tells the story of a young woman, who, loving her husband so much that she feels she is unable to be away from his side, smuggles herself aboard a ship, and enters the war zone, although this is forbidden by the strictest rules. Husband and wife are both condemned to be shot as the result of the activities of an old lover of the wife, but at the last moment there comes a wonderful opportunity which the soldier-husband grasps and as a reward for his courage he is granted a pardon and there is happiness ahead for husband and wife.

Elsie Ferguson.

(At the Forsyth.)

Suppose you were a woman who married young, had not learned to love your husband, so when the war call came and the report came back that he was killed, you took another spouse. Suppose then the husband came back, after years in prison, what would you do? Go back to the first husband, or cling to the second, who had given you your every desire? In "Rose of the World" Elsie Ferguson learns to love a husband she believes is dead, and to hate the second husband—just why only a woman can tell you. Anyway in the end the second husband is not even civilly treated, and the first husband and the "Rose" think at least that they are going to be nappy until the time of human passing comes.

William Russell.

(At the Strand.)

William Russell, cleverest boxer in the picture game, and one of the best actors, takes special delight in bullying a bully. A few days ago Russell, who is starred in "New York Luck," which is at the Strand today, encountered one of this species. Russell was driving Miss Francelia Billington out to a tea party, when a big brawny bruiser of a fellow, tooling a truckload of scrap iron, insisted on "hogging" the whole trail. Russell was exceedingly polite to the fellow, who became more abusive. Then the bully made one remark too many. There was a crack like a pistol shot. It was Bill's big ham fist connecting with the bad man's jaw. Russell left the bully sleeping soundly.

"The Flying Torpedo."

(At the Alpha.)

"The Flying Torpedo," one of the most thrilling and exciting of the war pictures, is scheduled for the Alpha today, only in a brand-new print. This wonderful production, repiete with the surprises and horrors of war, is a faithful picture of what the world is today undergoing, thanks to the grasping greed of the German kaiser. On Friday there will be a five-reel Butterfly feature, "Fear Not," starring Brownie Vernon.

"The Love Doctor."

(At Alamo No. 2.)

Earle Williams is presented at the Alamo No. 2 today in "The Love Doctor," a powerful photoplay in which love and surgery are curiously mingled. A noted surgeon is called to the side of a girl rescued from the slums suffering from a brain affection. Her only chance of life is in operation. "Remove all moral weakness from her brain and return it to mine. I can stand the consequences," he ordered the operating surgeon, and it was done.

Today at the Movies.

CRITERION—Norma Talmadge, "The Secret of the Storm Country."

VAUDETTE—"For the Freedom of the World."

FORSYTH—Elsie Ferguson, in "Rose of the World."

ALAMO NO. 2—Earle Williams, in "The Love Doctor."

STRAND—William Russell, in "New York Luck."

ALPHA—Bessie Love, in "The Flying Torpedo."

Theater Man Remembered.

E. A. Schiller, general representative of Loew's southern vaudeville circuit, is sporting a handsome Shrine watch charm, the Christmas gift of the stage employees and moving picture operators of Loew's Grand theater. The orchestra members presented him with a pair of Shrine cuff buttons.

WILL BUILD HOME WHERE EX-SLAVES CAN FIND COMFORT

The executive committee of the Ex-Slave association will build a home in Atlanta for the accommodation of fifty or more old darkies, remnants of the civil war and the reconstruction days.

Announcement was made late Wednesday of the committee's decision reached at an executive meeting held during the day at the Holmes institution. The location of the building will be announced within the next few days.

Professor B. R. Holmes, president of the Holmes institute and secretary and manager of the Ex-Slave association, stated Wednesday that "seven-eighths of the old and feeble ex-slaves, without friends or relatives, are living in dilapidated and insanitary buildings, which increase the death rate and that about half of the money raised by the association goes for rent for these persons." In the long run, Professor Holmes said, the home would pay the association in that the money subscribed would go farther and have more to show for its subscriptions.

In a recent report of subscriptions to the fund the sums donated by Mayor Asa Candler and Mrs. S. P. Leland were given incorrectly, due to typographical errors. Mayor Candler gave $25 and Mrs. Leland $50. Subscriptions are still being received.

MENORAH ASSOCIATION CONVENES IN NEW YORK

New York, December 26.—The Intercollegiate Menorah association, a nonsectarian organization whose avowed object is to promote the study and advancement of Jewish culture among university and college students in the United States and Canada, opened its fifth annual convention at Columbia university today. Delegates were present from fifty-eight societies in various parts of the country. Announcement was made that one of the questions to be discussed will be the raising of an endowment fund in the interest of Jewish culture in America.

ATLANTA'S STRIDES, FROM DAY TO DAY

Atlanta is to have another apartment house. It is to be built by the man in Atlanta who has constructed more apartment houses in the past three years than any other person. He is G. F. Willis, capitalist.

Mr. Willis has purchased a lot 90x100 feet on the south side of Ponce de Leon avenue, 135 feet west of the intersection of Highland avenue. The purchase was disclosed in a warranty deed recorded Wednesday, which transferred the property from M. A. Massaud to Mr. Willis. Mr. Willis announced that he had bought the lot to construct another apartment in this section. He has just completed construction of the Druid apartments at the corner of Highland and Ponce de Leon, and one year ago erected the Ivanhoe and Kenilworth on Ponce de Leon avenue.

The new apartment will cost about $50,000.

Burned District Permit.

M. B. Warnock took out a permit to erect a one-story, five-room bungalow at 25 Rankin street, in the burned district.

FULTON COUNTY TRANFERS.

Warranty Deeds.

$70—Atlanta Cemetery association to A. C. Knight, lot 106, block 7, in Northview cemetery. October 29, 1917.

$70—Same to same, lot 107, Northview cemetery. October 29, 1917.

$800—B. D. Watkins to Alice Dorsey, lot south side Fulton street, 475 feet west of Connally street, 0x93. December 20, 1917.

Love and Affection—Elvira Wynn to Emma Wynn, et al., lot on West Mitchell street, 395 feet east of Ashby street, 40x200. December 22, 1917.

$2,000—S. J. Martin to Benjamin Neely, lot west side Main street, 185 feet south of Taylor, 40x190. March 20, 1915.

$10—Same to J. H. Porter, same property. March 20, 1915.

$750—Charles S. Cox to W. R. Boswell, lot east side Talliaferro street, 120 feet north of West Hunter, 40x80. December 15, 1917.

$700—B. J. Davis to Charles S. Cox, same property. December 6, 1917.

$11,975—Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Massound to G. F. Willis, lot south side Ponce de Leon avenue, 150 feet west of Highland avenue, 90x100. December 21, 1917.

$100 and Other Valuable Considerations—J. S. Atkinson to Annie Inman Grant, 15 acres in land lot 64, of the Seventeenth district. December 15, 1917.

$1,350—Miss M. E. and Lucile Hawkins (by trustee) to Tinsley Millinery company, No. 167 East Pine street, 36x180. December 17, 1917.

Loan Deeds.

$597.40—M. L. Rauschenberg to Merchants and Mechanics' Banking and Loan company, lot west side Piedmont avenue, 1,356 feet south from Peachtree road, 100x400. December 17, 1917.

$597.40—Same to same, lot 10, block C, of North Boulevard Park, 50x155; also lot 6, in block B, North Boulevard Park, 50x153. December 17, 1917.

$1,625—Mrs. Zoie B. Harrison to Colonial Trust company, 460 West Peachtree, 37x200; 60 monthly notes. December 22, 1917.

$10,000—W. Bayne Gibson to Penn Mutual Life Insurance company, lot northeast corner Spring and Alexander streets, 170x00; five years, 6 per cent. December 15, 1917.

$1,500—Mrs. Eulalie F. Hancock to Dickinson Trust company, 94 Forrest avenue, 50x150. December 22, 1917.

$2,000—Same to same, 90 Forrest avenue, 50x150. December 22, 1917.

$1,250—Matthew F. Hennesy to same, 153 Cooper street, 52x172. December 22, 1917.

Bond for Title.

$2,000—Mrs. Dora M. Livingston to Mat Lang, lot west side Walnut, 251 fete south of Parson, 33x176. November 20, 1917.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST articles sometimes are never found, often they are stolen with no chance of recovery; but when picked up by honest persons they will get back to the owner if advertized in this column.

LOST.

BRACELET—Lost, Katie Burger engraved inside, on Fair street to Grant Park car or on Trinity avenue, near Capitol place. Call Main 152 or Atlanta 1989.

DOG—Lost or strayed, from 238 Stewart ave., one setter dog, white and black ticked. Will pay liberal reward any information that will lead to his recovery. Call Ivy 1396.

DOG—Liver and white pointer, brown head, white streak down nose, white streak across hip from one hind foot to the other; collar with brass beads; liberal reward. Tas Short, No. 2 Engine House.

GOLD wrist watch and chain lost; Mauram works, gold face; lost Wednesday afternoon on South Pryor street, between Rawson and Mitchell; monogram on front, "L. I. F.;" inside "Dad to Inez." Reward. Return to J. M. Fuller, City Marshal, City Hall.

LOST—Gold bracelet, with small square, solid block link, clasp a gold button with leaf outlined in black. Reward for return to Marion M. Jackson, 902 West Peachtree.

LOST on Peachtree between Nat Kaiser's and viaduct, purse, containing roll of bills and some silver. Return to Ansley hotel. Reward.

LOST—One mounted automobile tire. Reward. Phone Main 3546.

LOST—One pair large spectacles; very light tortoise shell frame. Reward. Return to O. D. Gorman, Jr., 225 Peachtree.

LOST—On 23d or 24th, a gold belt bracelet. Phone Hemlock 636. Reward.

STRAYED—From 159 E. Fair, two female setters, one solid brown, other white, with black spots, tan spot on left cheek; liberal reward. E. W. Leake. Main 441.

SPECTACLES—Lost Saturday or Monday, one pair gold spectacles; no rims, in small case. Reward if returned to 26 East Alabama street.

WHITE BULLDOG, with black spot over one eye; 10 months old. Return for reward to 633 Piedmont avenue.

LOST—Fur neckpiece, corner Peachtree circle and Peachtree, Christmas Eve. Reward. Mrs. Michael Hoke, 210 Peachtree St.

LOST—Leather suit case, containing ladies' and children's wearing apparel, between Terminal Station and West End; liberal reward. Main 2941.

UMBRELLA—Lost, on Georgia ave. car or Bonita theater; ebony and silver handle. Finder call Main 116.

PERSONAL

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DO NOT FAIL to consult Mme. Parks. She will positively aid and direct you in matters of love, marriage, divorce, separation, business, etc. No. 10 Essie avenue. Take Soldiers' Home car and get off at Essie avenue. Hours, 10 a. m. to 7 p. m.

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MENTAL SCIENTIST, SPIRITUAL ADVISER, will give advice on law, love and marriage. 19 Simpson street. Ivy 8215.

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TO FORMER students Georgia-Alabama Business College: Eugene Anderson's new textbook on the famous G. A. B. shorthand is now ready for sale to former students. Anderson's Phrases and Shortcuts will soon come from the press. Send $2.10 to cover cost and postage. Georgia-Alabama Business College, Macon, Ga.

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED—Male

BRIGHT youth for office job, $6 to $10 a week, according to ability. Bellamy Bus. agency, 1226 Candler bldg.

EXPERIENCED bookkeeper, not subject to draft; prefer man with knowledge of records in broker's office. Apply by letter, giving reference and salary to begin. Address 400 Central building.

EXPERIENCED DICTAPHONE AND BILLING CLERK. 1013 ATL. NATL. BANK BLDG.

MEN—Yes, we give you a complete course, No. 1 set of tools, paying position in our chain of shops, for $26.50. Atlanta Barber College, 31 South Pryor street.

WANTED—BY RELIABLE, WELL ESTABLISHED CONCERN, HIGH-CLASS, THOROUGHLY EXPERIENCED MAN, CAPABLE OF HANDLING TRADING DEPARTMENT, FERTILIZER MATERIALS, COTTON SEED PRODUCTS. STATE EXPERIENCE, REFERENCES, APPROXIMATE SALARY CONSIDERATION. ADDRESS, POSTOFFICE BOX 1214, CITY.

WANTED—EXPERIENCED BOOKKEEPER, ALSO YOUNG MAN NOT SUBJECT TO DRAFT FOR CLERICAL POSITION; WILL PAY GOOD SALARY. GIVE AGE, EXPERIENCE AND REFERENCES. MANUFACTURER, CARE CONSTITUTION.

WANTED — COMPETENT BOOKKEEPER, STENOGRAPHER, GOOD SALARY. GIVE REFERENCES. ADDRESS A. C. S., BOX P-346, CONSTITUTION.

MEN—Learn barber trade. Taught quickly, cheaply, thoroughly. Day-evening. Earn while learning. Moler Barber College, 61 N. Forsyth street.

OFFICE BOY—Wanted, bright and willing; 14 or older; prefer one can use typewriter; answer quick; state age, how far in school and experience, salary willing to start. P. O. Box 274.

WANTED—GOOD, STEADY COLORED BOY FOR INSIDE PORTER WORK. WATSON'S BARGAIN STORE, PRYOR AND DECATUR STREETS. THE ONLY SUCH STORE IN ATLANTA.

WANTED—At once, eight or ten first-class mechanical and structural draftsmen who have had experience in and are familiar with steel plant work. Work is located in Birmingham, Ala. Applicant to state age, give full experience and references, also salary expected. Must be an American citizen. Address Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, 1017 Woodward building, Birmingham, Ala.

WANTED—Yard and house man. Apply Mrs. T. T. Williams, 1307 Peachtree road.

WANTED—GOOD, STEADY, SHOE SALESMAN FOR STEADY YEAR-ROUND WORK. MUST BE THOROUGHLY EXPERIENCED. WATSON'S BARGAIN STORE, PRYOR AND DECATUR STREETS. THE ONLY SUCH STORE IN TOWN.

WANTED — Rapid and accurate stenographer for position with large manufacturing corporation; must be experienced. Apply in person 915 Grant building.

WANTED — Competent machinist-linotype operator, union shop; scale $27, morning paper. Wire Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Fla.

YOUNG MAN—Wanted, for position as office boy, with large corporation; good opportunity for right party. Apply in person 915 Grant building.

YOUNG MAN—Wanted, for clerical position with large corporation. A splendid opportunity for advancement is offered to the young man possessing the necessary qualifications. Preference will be given to those between the ages of 18 and 25 and who have had some previous clerical experience. Apply 915 Grant building.

YOUNG MAN—Wanted, in shipping department, 16-18 years. Apply H. D. Bolles, care John L. Moore Sons, fifth floor Austell building.

YOUNG MAN as news agent on railroad trains; long runs; good pay. Union News Company, 36 Madison avenue.

USHERS wanted; three young men as ushers at Lyric, 17 to 18 years of age. Apply to doorkeeper. J. B. Edwards, Jr.

HELP WANTED—Female

COOK—Wanted, single woman, to cook and do general house work, room on lot, small family. Apply 115 Peachtree in store.

CORPORATION requires the services of an efficient stenographer January 1; must not be over 25 years old; state experience and salary expected; all replies confidential. Address box P-350, care Constitution.

SALESLADIES—Wanted (four), good salary. Apply 319 Empire building.

WHITE SERVANT—Will pay good wages to competent and reliable white woman or girl to do general housework and assist in care of two young children. Hemlock 675-L.

YOUNG LADY who can use typewriter for clerical work; stenographic work not required; moderate salary. Apply Southern Photo Material Co., 22 Central ave.

YOUNG LADY for general office work; also dictograph operator. Bellamy Business agency, 1226 Candler bldg.

THOUSANDS government war positions open to women, 18 or over; $100 month; list free. Franklin Institute, Dept. 601-L, Rochester, N. Y.

HELP WANTED—Male and Female

COMPETENT TYPIST WANTED—Apply in person. Elyea-Austell Co., 15 North Pryor St.

WANTED—Good servant, boy or girl; prefer one to room on lot. 72 Walton st.

LAUNDRESS, hotel cook, maid, nurse, butler, hallboy, porter, waiter. 704 Silvey bld.

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WANTED—A few good families of spinners and spoolers for our Payne Mill. Best of wages paid, cheap house rent in our own village. Address W. R. Moody, Supt., Crumps Park, Macon, Georgia.

SALESMEN AND SOLICITORS

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SALESMAN to sell wash and silk and cloth skirts; a cracker-jack line; commission basis; give references, territory and experience. Pioneer Skirt Co., 8 West 29th st., New York city.

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WANTED—Teachers

WANTED—Agricultural teacher immediately for Tenth District Agricultural school; must be good man; give references and testimonials; $125 and board per month. James T. McGee, Granite Hill, Ga.

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TEACHERS for grades, $50 to $65; high school work, $60 to $125; principals, $75 to $150. Foster's Teachers' Agency, 505 Grant building, Atlanta. Ivy 8812-L.

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SITUATION WANTED—Male

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CULTURED LADY—Registered undergraduate nurse, desires engagement. Splendid masseuse. No incumbrances. New York and Atlanta references. Will travel. Address 397 West Peachtree. Phone Ivy 451.

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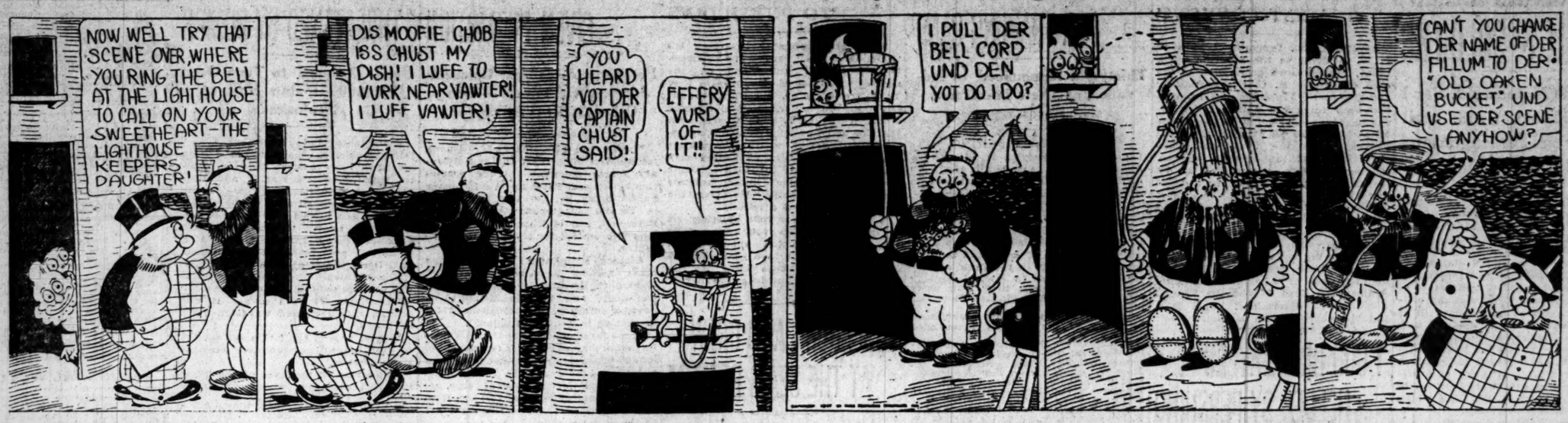

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RAILROAD SCHEDULES

The arrival and departure of passenger trains Atlanta.
The following schedule figures are published only as information and are not guaranteed.

Atlanta Terminal Station.

*Daily except Sunday. †Sunday only.

Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic.

Effective June 25. | Arrive. | Leave.
Waycross and Thomasville. | 6:00 am | 7:45 am
Waycross and Thomasville. | 4:25 pm | 11:00 pm

Sleeping car on night trains between Atlanta and Thomasville, Atlanta and Waycross. City ticket office, 88 Peachtree. Telephones—Ivy 2845; Atlanta 100.

Atlanta and West Point Railroad Company.

No. Arrive From—		No. Depart To—	
42	West Pt..	35	New Or.. 5:50 am
18	Columb's	19	Columbus 7:19 am
38	New Or.	33	Montg'y 8:45 am
40	New Or.	38	New Or.. 2:00 pm
34	Montg'y	17	Columbus 4:05 pm
20	Columbus	37	New Or.. 6:50 pm
36	New Or.	41	West Pt. 6:45 pm

City Ticket Office, 80 Peachtree St.

Central of Georgia Railway. "The Right Way."

Arrive From—		Depart To—	
Savannah...	6:15 am	Savannah...	8:00 am
Thomasville.	6:15 am	Albany.....	8:00 am
Albany.....	6:15 am	Macon.....	12:30 pm
Macon.....	6:15 am	Macon.....	4:00 pm
Jacksonville.	4:53 am	Jacksonville.	8:25 pm
Jacksonville.	7:40 am	Valdosta....	8:25 pm
Macon.....	10:45 am	Savannah..	10:15 pm
Macon.....	1:55 pm	Jacksonville	10:05 pm
Savannah...	4:20 pm	Thomasville	11:50 pm
Albany.....	8:10 pm	Albany.....	11:50 pm

City ticket office, Fourth National Bank building, Peachtree and Marietta streets. Telephones—Ivy 141; Atlanta phone 56.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM.

Arrives From—	Departs For—	Arrives From—	Departs For—
5:30 a	New York 12:30 a	1:40 p	New York 2:45 p
11:10 p	Chicago 6:35 a	8:25 p	Chatta. 5:00 p
9:55 p	Kan. City 8:10 a	8:10 a	Tocoa 4:45 p
10:35 a	Chatta. 6:50 a	11:40 a	Cincinnati 5:25 p
1:40 p	Richmond 6:30 a	10:55 a	Columbus 5:10 p
10:10 p	Columbus 7:30 a	11:15 a	Memphis 5:15 p
7:30 p	Bruns'k 7:30 a	10:50 a	Ft. Valley 5:30 p
6:15 p	New York 12:00 n	10:30 a	Macon 5:30 p
5:40 p	Charlotte 6:30 a	5:45 a	Jaxville 10:05 p
8:10 p	Jaxville 11:50 a	7:25 a	Charlotte 10:40 p
2:30 p	Birham 1:55 p	6:25 a	Jaxville 11:20 p
9:00 p	Greenville 12:15 p	7:45 a	Shrevep't 11:30 p

Seaboard Air Line Railway Company. "The Progressive Railway of the South."
Effective November 18, 1917.

No. Arrive From—		No. Depart To—	
11	N. Y.	6:20 am	11 Birmin'm. 6:30 am
11	Norfolk..	6:20 am	30 Monroe... 6:40 am
11	Washin'n.	6:20 am	6 N. Y. ... 12:40 pm
11	Portsm'h.	6:20 am	6 Washi'n. 12:40 pm
17	Abbe,S.C.	8:50 am	6 Norfolk.. 12:40 pm
6	Memphis.	12:30 pm	6 Portsm'h 12:40 pm
6	Birmi'm.	12:30 pm	6 Richm'd. 12:40 pm
22	Pied't,Ala	10:00 am	23 Pied't,Ala. 3:50 pm
5	N. Y.	4:40 pm	5 Birmin'm. 4:50 pm
5	Washi'n.	4:40 pm	5 Memphis. 4:50 pm
5	Norfolk..	4:40 pm	18 Abbe,S.C. 4:00 pm
5	Portsm'h.	4:40 pm	12 N. Y. .... 8:20 pm
12	Birmin'm.	8:00 pm	12 Norfolk.. 8:20 pm
29	Monroe...	8:00 pm	12 Portsm'h. 8:20 pm

City Ticket Office, 88 Peachtree St. Telephone—Ivy 2845.

Union Passenger Station.

Georgia Railroad.
*Daily Except Sunday.

No. Arrive From—		No. Depart To—	
3	Charles'n	7:00 am	2 Augusta and East... 6:45 am
3	Wilmin'n	7:00 am	
*11	Conyers.	7:35 am	6 Augusta 11:45 am
*13	Union Pt.	9:40 am	8 Augusta 3:25 pm
1	Augusta	1:15 pm	*14 Unio'n Pt. 6:10 pm
5	Augusta and East	5:00 pm	4 Charles'n 8:10 pm
7	New York and Aug.	8:20 pm	4 Wilmin'n 8:10 pm

Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

Effective Nov. 21—	Leave.	Arrive.
Cincinnati-Louisville....	7:18 am	9:55 pm
Chicago and Northwest.	4:45 pm	11:45 am
Cincinnati and Louisville.	7:25 am	5:10pm
Knoxville via Blue Ridge..	7:18 am	9:55 pm
Knoxville via Cartersville..	4:45 pm	11:45 am
Knoxville via Cartersville..	3:40 pm	10:35 am
Blue Ridge accommodation		

The 9:55 p. m. train will arrive Terminal Station.

Western and Atlantic Railroad.

No. Arrive From—		No. Depart To—	
3	Nashville.	6:25 am	94 Chicago.. 8:15 am
73	Rome....	10:25 am	2 Nashville. 8:30 am
93	Memphis.	11:55 am	92 Memphis. 4:55 pm
1	Nashville.	6:35 pm	72 Rome.... 5:15 pm
95	Chicago..	8:05 pm	4 Nashville. 8:50 pm

No. 95, Dixie Flyer, arrives Terminal Station.

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BEAGLE HOUNDS—(3), six months old, 3 for $25. Hem. 334-L, Atlanta, R. F. D. A. W. H. Morris.

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8 MEXICANS KILLED BY U. S. SOLDIERS

Mexicans Members of Band That Killed U. S. Mail Carrier and Passengers and Looted a Ranch.

Marfa, Texas, December 26.—Eight bandits were killed yesterday when ranchers and American cavalry men fired on a band of Mexican raiders after the Mexicans had killed Michael Welch, driver of a United States mail stage, and his two Mexican passengers, and had looted the L. C. Brite store at Candelaria, Texas. This was the official report received here today. It is reported that Mexican bandits also raided the Fitzgerald ranch between here and the river late last night, driving off all of the horses from the ranch and taking a large quantity of provisions. These raiders were believed to have been a part of the band which raided Candelaria yesterday.

More Fighting Reported.

Additional reports of fighting between scattered bands of bandits and American cavalrymen and Texas rangers have been brought here all day from the river front.

Tonight troops guided by Texas rangers searched the Rimrock district for scattered bands of the raiders. Reinforcements were sent from here in commandeered civilian automobiles and trucks. It now is believed the bandits were a part of Francisco Villa's force which has been operating in the Ojinaga district. A report received today that they were Mexican federal troops from the Ojinaga garrison, was denied tonight. This report started from the fact that a number of the dead bandits wore Mexican federal uniforms. It was believed Villa men had disguised themselves in federal uniforms to make the Americans believe they were federal soldiers and to embroil the United States with Mexico.

Story of Murderous Raid.

Ranchers who arrived tonight from Candelaria brought the first connected story of the raid.

Only two men were at the Brite ranch house Christmas morning when the raiders arrived. They were T. T. Neill, manager of the ranch, and his son, Sam. Their wives and children were also at the ranch house. The father saw the men approaching and awakened his son. The women and children were put in the most protected room and the two lone men opened fire upon the bandits riding wildly toward the house. A desperate rifle battle was then fought between Sam Neill and the leader of the Mexicans at 100 yards range. Neill killed his man, while his father fought off the Mexicans who were attempting to gain entrance through a rear door. Two more bandits were killed, whereupon the remainder retired for a conference. A Mexican was then sent to the house with a demand that the Neills surrender. This was refused, but T. T. Neill finally delivered over the keys to the Brite store nearby and sent a hired man to assist in rounding the horses in order to save the women and children from almost certain massacre.

Preacher Escapes.

While the store was being looted by the bandits the Rev. H. M. Bandy, of the First Christian church of Marfa, drove up in his car with his family to spend the day at the Brite ranch. They barely escaped, but got into the ranch house, where the minister seized a rifle and guarded a window with other Americans.

At this time the United States mail stage from Valentine drove up to the Brite store carrying Christmas packages for the United States soldiers stationed at Candelaria. The two Mexican passengers were killed before they could get out of the stage. Michael Welch was taken from the stage, hanged and his throat cut. Welch, who was aged and partly paralyzed, had to be assisted to the place of his execution.

Women Are Requested To Cease "Adopting" Gen. Pershing's Men

With the American Army in France, December 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American expeditionary force wishes to discourage the budding practice of American women in "adopting" individual soldiers in France for the period of the war. The practice already threatens to choke the congested mail service and result in delay in the transmission of important matter. Moreover, the censorship regulation forbid the men to correspond with strangers, and as this rule is being enforced rigidly, it is desired that the people at home refrain from putting men here in an embarrassing position, as they feel under obligation to answer such communications.

An example of the interest certain women at home are taking in "adoptions" is an advertisement which has reached headquarters showing the picture of a pretty girl and urging soldiers without godmothers to write to a given address.

Masking at Mardi Gras Barred by New Orleans To Check German Agents

New Orleans, December 26.—As a precaution against "serious trouble which might occur were agents of the German government permitted to get about the city under disguise," Mayor Behrman tonight formally announced that there would be no public masking permitted on Mardi Gras day, 1918. Public masking from daylight until dusk has for many years been a prominent feature of the celebration of the last day of the carnival.

It was decided shortly after the United States entered the war to give up carnival balls and parades, but it had been generally expected that there would be the usual masking on Mardi Gras day.

"COOKED FOOD SERVICE" ORGANIZED FOR WAR

New York, December 26.—"The American cooked food service," designated to provide cooked meals to homes "that otherwise might disintegrate because of the draft of women, domestic workers and house mothers into industrial and other war service," was organized by a group of men and women in this city today. It was announced that the first station will be opened in a few weeks, with a motor service extending over a two-mile radius.

The incorporators of the movement include Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, Adolph Lewisohn and Charles H. Sabin, with Miss Jessie H. Bancroft as president. It was stated that the movement had been indorsed by the federal fuel administration.

Dieticians will supervise the preparation of the food, the announcement said, to see that the menus are balanced, "to prevent underfeeding during the war stress," and to assure special dietary needs. The food will be taken to homes in containers which will keep it hot for several hours.

JUDGE DISMISSES CONTEMPT CHARGE AGAINST CONVENT

Savannah, Ga., December 26.—Judge P. W. Meldrim, in the superior court, today, handed down an opinion in the case of Mother M. Clare, the mother superior of St. Vincent's convent, who has been ruled for contempt for refusing to permit a grand jury committee to make an inspection of the convent under the Veasy act. The court dismissed the contempt charge, holding that the act provided for an inspection of places where the inmates were kept in confinement. The court held the evidence did not show the Sisters of Mercy in this convent were kept in confinement, but remained there voluntarily, and for that reason the institution did not come under the authority of the Veasy act. There is another case of a similar character against the head of the St. Francis home to be determined. This is a Catholic negro orphan asylum.

1,000 BRICKLAYERS NEEDED BY PERSHING

New Draft Machinery Invoked by War Department to Get Men.

Washington, December 26.—The new draft machinery was invoked for the first time when Provost Marshal General Crowder made public today instructions to all governors calling for the mobilization of 1,000 bricklayers needed for General Pershing at once.

Local boards are called upon to examine questionnaires now returned and report as rapidly as possible on the number of bricklayers of draft age available for service. Only white bricklayers will be taken either by draft or by voluntary induction into the military service through local boards. They will be forwarded to the aviation section, signal corps, at Kelly field, San Antonio, Texas. The purpose for which they are to be used in France is not disclosed.

The order is the first application of the special occupational classification provisions of the new draft regulations. The bricklayers in any board's jurisdiction will be assembled in order of their draft number relationship to each other, but without regard to the men in any other occupation.

General Crowder's letter to the governors indicates that similiar calls for skilled men in other trades are to be expected.

As His Comrades Enjoy Their Christmas Dinner, Soldier Hangs Himself

Anniston, Ala., December 26.—Private Dominique D. Antonio, of Milltown, N. J., hanged himself to a small tree near Camp McClellan Christmas day while his comrades were enjoying their Christmas dinner. The body will be sent to his home.

German Xmas Featured By Women and Children Begging in Snow for Food

Geneva, December 26.—Features of the German Christmas, according to news from across the frontier, were women and children openly begging in the snow-covered streets for food to appease their hunger, and riots in some of the towns. Only the rich enjoyed a good but ordinary dinner, and for this they paid high prices, as much as $50. Most of the churches in Germany were closed, owing to lack of coal.

DR. L. P. BAKER HEADS CAPITAL CITY LODGE

Capital City Lodge, No. 642, F. & A. M., Tuesday night held its annual election and installment of officers. Dr. L. P. Baker was elected and installed worshipful master, John T. McDonald, second W. M.; J. G. Haley, J. W. M.; T. J. Chappelear, treasurer; Dr. Ed T. Mincey, secretary; R. G. Dennon, S. D.; Harry York, J. D.; A. M. Satterwhite, S. S.; J. G. Benton, J. S.; F. H. Hall, chaplain; J. C. Felper, tyler; Jesse M. Wood, representative on the Masonic relief board, and Jesse M. Wood, M. C. Strickland and G. A. Cann, finance committee of three.

The officers were installed by Jesse M. Wood, with W. C. Strickland, grand marshal. Retiring Worshipful Master W. W. Waits was presented with an engraved gold watch at the close of the election. A banquet followed the business session.

GREECE URGES CITIZENS TO ENLIST IN U. S. ARMY

Washington, December 26.—Greece wants her citizens in the United States to enlist in the American army. Not only will she suspend punishments which ordinarily would follow enlistments of Greeks with a foreign power, but she will reward them for supporting the American arms. This is the substance of a note from the Greek government delivered today at the state department.

An official communication from the Greek legation here to Greeks in the United States follows:

"The royal legation of Greece brings to the knowledge of Greeks residing in the United States that, according to a decision of the Greek government, a collective and previous authorization has been granted to all the Greeks wishing to enlist in the American army.

"No legal consequences, therefore, would be applied in such cases, the Greek government considering any Greek enlisted in the American army as serving in the Greek army.

"Furthermore, any Greek in the American army and who would be mentioned for gallantry being considered as fighting in the Greek army, will be rewarded by the Greek government.

"This collective authorization is extended to the Greeks who have already enlisted in the American army without previously applying for the authorization required by the Greek laws."

"WAR FLOUR" GROUND BY MINNEAPOLIS MILLS

Minneapolis, Minn., December 26.—Local mills today began grinding "war flour" under the new government regulations designed to save 16,000,000 bushels of wheat in the present crop year. Under these regulations, which provide for the use of 74 per cent of the wheat berry, instead of but 50 per cent, two grades of flour will be eliminated and the output will be listed as war flour of first and second grades.

The change resulted in a sharp reduction in bran prices, and a drop in the prices of other by-products also is expected.

Several milling companies were compelled to suspend operations temporarily because of lack of property equipment for granding the new flour.

Members of the food administration milling division said that because of the large supply of flour now on the market, it would be some time before war flour reached the consumer.

PARTIAL LIST NAMED FOR TRAINING CAMP

Thirty-Six Announced in Advance, as Their Transfer Is Necessary.

By Frank Craigie.

Macon, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—Announcement was made this afternoon at the headquarters of the 31st division of the names of 36 of the 330 men selected for entry in the third officers' training camp to open at Leon Springs, near San Antonio, Texas, on January 9. The names of these men are published in advance of the rest of the list, as their reduction to the rank of private and transfer to other organizations was necessary, their own units already having been allotted their full numbers.

The following names were published by order of the division commander today:

Headquarters 31st Division: Battalion Sergeant Major David L. Goodman. Headquarters troop, Sergeant M. Stewart. Headquarters 61st Georgia infantry brigade, Cook Clifton F. Bridges. 117th Machine Gun battalion, formerly First Georgia infantry, Sergeants Benjamin L. Solomon, Thomas E. Langston, Richard R. Walker, W. W. Brown, Haywood Hodges and James E. Bridges, Privates John R. Osborne, Robert L. Gardner, Clyde J. Ford and Robert O. Owens.

Headquarters 56th Field Artillery brigade, First Sergeant Archibald S. Mills. 117th Field artillery, Sergeant Shelby B. Hodges, Corporal Sydney A. Terry, Privates George W. Yarbrough, Wagoner Homer Morris, Corporals Andrew J. Chapman, Fred M. Johnson, Wagoner William R. Griffin, Sergeants John L. Alley, Hosla T. Ogden, Alwyn L. Lewis, Herbert D. Siem, William T. Dickinson, Corporals John B. Hay, E. C. Faulkner and Private Villard H. Royal.

One Hundred and Sixteenth Field Signal battalion, Privates James W. Oakman, Leon Davis, George W. Perkins, Sergeants Robert E. Jones, Allen Miegal, Wallace F. Mills, Corporal Victor G. Dorr, Sergeant William T. Chiles, Privates Harry B. Fraser, Joseph B. Fraser, Sergeant William C. Knuck.

RAILWAYS WORRIED BY LABOR PROBLEM

Statement Issued by General Operating Committee of Eastern Roads.

Pittsburg, Pa., December 26.—"Dilution of labor" is the greatest difficulty of the eastern railroads and further depletion of their forces "must result in serious crippling of their transportation efficiency," says a statement issued here tonight by the general operating committee of eastern railroads, of which Arthur W. Thompson is president. The statement deals entirely with the railroad labor situation, pointing out that the roads have given up many men to the draft while hundreds of others have gone abroad to rebuild and rehabilitate the European railroads.

"Whatever steps are necessary, therefore," continues the statement, "to insure the full manning of the railroads serving great munitions producing centers and moving our army and its supplies to seaboard, must be taken and taken promptly."

Preliminary reports and careful estimates indicate, the report says, that 1,138,500 new men have been employed by the railroads represented by the general operating committee, during the first nine months of the year 1917.

"This 'turnover' for the nine months represents about twice the number of men normally entering the service in a year. This of itself does not seem a startling statement, but when it is remembered that there are about 564,300 men in the service of all the eastern roads at any one time and that of these about 301,500 had been in the service at least during one entire year, most of them being old and experienced employees, it is apparent that to keep the other 262,800 places filled it has been necessary to employ in the nine months 948,600 men—or about three and three-fourths men for every job. This has meant the employment, training and subsequent loss of a man on each of these jobs every ten weeks.

The result has been a constant stream of new and inexperienced men with which to carry out the commerce of the great industrial section of the country. This dilution of their forces lies at the root of most of the present difficulties of the railroads."

STEFANSSON RETURNS FROM TRIP TO ARCTIC

Ottawa, December 26.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, last heard from in a letter received in March, 1916, has arrived with his party at Fort Yukon, according to word received by the naval department.

Stefansson, head of the Canadian Arctic expedition, has been in the far north since 1913 and lately there has been some anxiety as to his safety.

Stefansson's Arctic journey was not a pole-seeking expedition. His purpose was to seek new land, to make geological, botanical and biological surveys of the Canadian Arctic shores, and to study Arctic ocean conditions.

Another objective was to sail through the Northeast passage, but ice conditions blocked this. In all, fourteen men of his party were reported to have died from exposure, suicide and disease.

Seattle, Wash., December 26.—Arrival of Vilhjalmur Stefansson at Fort Yukon apparently ends a voyage of Arctic exploration that began when he left Victoria, B. C., June 17, 1913, at the head of a Canadian government expedition aboard the steamer Karluk.

The fact that Stefansson arrived at Fort Yukon, about ten miles inside the Arctic circle, indicates he did not complete his intended eastward trip through the Northeast passage from Melville island, where it is thought he spent the winter of 1916-1917.

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

Vancouver, December 26.—First returns from the Australian soldier vote abroad show a substantial majority against conscription, contrary to all predictions, says a dispatch received here today from Sydney, N. S. W., by The Vancouver World. The latest count of the total ballot, the dispatch says, indicates a majority of 130,000 against the measure.

Ottawa, Ont., December 26.—A dispatch from Melbourne to the Reuter agency here says:

"The latest figures in the conscription referendum are 870,000 for and 1,050,000 against, including the first returns from the Australian military force, which, it is officially announced, are 17,000 for and 23,000 against."

HOWLING CHRISTMAS FOR THE JAILED I. W. W.

Wichita, Kan., December 26.—Christmas was celebrated by the thirty-three Industrial Workers of the World, held in jail here, by an all-night riot. The men broke up their cots, pounded, groaned, yelled, sang and cursed all night. Tonight the fire department will give the rioters the "water cure" if the disturbance is repeated. Violations of rules caused the sheriff to dispense with the usual Christmas dinner, and the rioting was the Industrial Workers of the World's answer.

KNITTING NERVES SENDING WOMEN TO PHYSICIANS

New York, December 26.—Now it's "knitting nerves" caused by concentration of mind and hand on the needles. Thousands of women in New York are afflicted, according to Dr. Louis R. Welzmiller, physical director of the West Side Y. M. C. A., who adds that his only patients showing symptoms of the new wartime complaint have been women. Dr. Welzmiller says that there is liable to be an epidemic of "knitting nerves" unless knitters learn to knit properly. He offers the following advice as a remedy:

"Don't hunch over your knitting; sit upright, and when your mind tells you you have knitted enough quit. There are 365 days in a year and you can't finish a sweater in a day, no matter how much you love a soldier or a sailor."

TUSCARORA AND CREW AT THE SEA'S BOTTOM

American Steamer Lost Off Nova Scotia—35 Men on Board.

New York, December 26.—The American steamship Tuscarora, formerly a lake vessel and requisitioned by the shipping board for Atlantic service, with her entire crew of 35 men, is believed to have been lost at sea somewhere north of Cape Breton Island, according to advices received in shipping circles today from Nova Scotia.

The crew of the Tuscarora was recruited in New England ports. She was commanded by Captain Crowell, of Cape Cod. In September the vessel was cut in two on the lakes, towed through the well and canal and rejoined at Montreal, from where she sailed for New York December 6. The last word of her was received when she passed Father Point on the St. Lawrence the following day. Today advices were received in shipping circles here that parts of a bridge, pilot house and deck timbers from a steamer had washed ashore on St. Paul island about thirty miles northeast from Cape North on Cape Breton island. Shipping men believe the wreckage is from the missing lake steamer.

Records of the United States shipping commissioner here show that twenty-seven of the crew of the Tuscarora signed here and went to Montreal by rail to join the vessel. It is said that additional men may have joined the ship there. Among those signed on in New York were twelve Americans, the others being from Sweden, Denmark, Great Britain and other countries.

Halifax, N. S., December 26.—A life boat from the American steamer Tuscarora, believed to have been lost with all hands, was picked up today by the lightkeeper on St. Paul's island. Wreckage found nearby indicated that the steamer was dashed against the cliffs in a storm last week. There was no trace of the crew. St. Paul's island lies between Cape Breton and Newfoundland, and many ships have been wrecked on its rocky shore.

After Being Captured, MacDonald Shot German And Raced to U. S. Lines

New York, December 26.—The George MacDonald who was captured by the Germans when American engineers participated in the battle of Cambrai, and who was one of the two Americans who escaped, is George Carson MacDonald, 24 years old, a former Chicago resident, who enlisted with the engineers in New York, it was learned here today.

MacDonald, an electrician, was studying to qualify for the United States secret service at the time America entered the war. He volunteered as a private with the first American railway engineers' contingent, and sailed for Europe in July. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacDonald, theatrical people, formerly of Chicago.

A censored letter received here today by the elder MacDonald indicated that after being captured by the Germans the young man fought his way back to the American lines.

"I had the pleasure of shooting a German and taking his rifle," young MacDonald wrote.

A dispatch to the Associated Press on Christmas day from its correspondent with the American army in France said that two men attached to the railway engineers' unit had "especially distinguished themselves for coolness under fire during the recent engagement at Cambrai," and had been recommended to Washington for promotion.

THEOSOPHIST SPOKE ON VIRTUES OF WAR

War was analyzed, praised and denounced last night at Cable Hall by L. W. Rogers, theosophist and psychologist, in the first of a course of free lectures, in which the new psychology is being applied to popular subjects. "Can There Be Any Virtue in This Horror, War?" the lecturer asked his audience?

"Is there any good in this personification of hatred and cruelty, this distortion of humanity, this monstrous modern Gorgon, this misshapen thing too horrible for the human form it wears?" he asked.

It had final good, he asserted, even as a painful surgical operation has. War, he urged, is a disease of our selfish civilization and will destroy it, or at least rapidly change it into world-wide self-government of all people. "The issue," he said, "is plainly democracy vs. autocracy, and no matter how long the war tide might ebb and flow there could be but one result because evolution itself is with self-government.

The lecturer gave non-resistants some hard nuts to crack. He appealed to the conscientious objector to wake up to the real danger of the situation.

Tonight Mr. Rogers will speak at Cable Hall on "Life After Death," with special reference to the soldier dead, and will discuss the matter in the light of the investigations of Sir Oliver Lodge and other scientists.

TROLLEY CRASH VICTIM ROBBED OF HER GEMS

Pittsburg, December 26.—Mrs. Adelaide Bongiovaani, who was injured in the street car accident at the Mount Hills tunnel late Monday, died in a hospital today, bringing the total dead to twenty.

Mrs. Bongiovaani, the wife of a leading restaurant owner, stated soon after she was taken to the hospital that she had lost diamonds valued at $10,000 in the wreck.

H. H. Klinger, motorman of the street car which ran away, was placed under arrest today by Coroner Jamieson on a charge of manslaughter. The coroner gave orders that Klinger, who was slightly injured in the wreck, was not to leave the hospital, and only members of his family and other near relatives were to visit him.

The action was taken as the result of an exhaustive investigation by the coroner. He said he was in possession of important information which he would give to the jury at the inquest. He later ordered that Klinger was not to be released on bail.

ARCHIE ROOSEVELT GIVEN PROMOTION

Pershing Advances Colonel's Son to Captaincy — Many Other Officers Advanced.

Washington, December 26.—Among forty-seven officers of the expeditionary forces recommended for promotion by General Pershing in a list made public today by the war department is Second Lieutenant Archibald B. Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt, who is promised for a captaincy of infantry.

Besides Lieutenant Roosevelt, one other second lieutenant of infantry, Mahlon O. Bradley, is proposed for a captaincy, and Captain Emmert W. Savage, infantry, is recommended for promotion to lieutenant colonel.

These three officers are the only ones in the combatant services recommended for advancement of more than one grade, but First Lieutenants H. E. Ross and A. W. Kenner, of the medical corps, are proposed for the rank of major. With few exceptions the advancements are to the national army.

No reason for the promotions was given by General Pershing so far as was announced by the department. The highest rank proposed is lieutenant colonel and as only promotion for general officers require congressional action, it is expected that the promotions will be approved immediately by President Wilson.

The recommendations follow:

To be lieutenant colonels of infantry, national army, Emmert W. Savage, captain of infantry, and George C. Marshall, Jr., major of infantry.

To be majors of infantry, national army, George A. Matile, major of infantry, and Alexander M. Patch, Jr., and Joseph D. Patch, captains of infantry.

To be captain of infantry, Mahlon O. Bradley, second lieutenant of infantry.

To be captains of infantry, national army, L. H. Gift, William Winters, A. Fray and R. Scott, second lieutenants of the national army, and A. B. Roosevelt, second lieutenant of infantry.

To first lieutenants of infantry, national army, F. D. Ward, H. M. Gordon, M. M. Andrews, E. G. Spencer, J. L. Gleen and A. F. G. Lucas, second lieutenants, infantry officers' reserve corps.

To be lieutenant colonels of field artillery, national army, John A. Crane, major field artillery, national army, and Maxwell Murray and Alfred L. P. Sands, majors of field artillery.

To be major field artillery, national army, Howard K. Loughry, captain of coast artillery.

To be first lieutenants, field artillery, national army, W. S. Pritchard, Robert P. Newton, J. N. Greene, A. P. Braxton, G. E. Boyd, Richard P. Hardigan, Howard B. Treat, Schuyler Van Vechten, W. K. McClure, H. W. Herring, Percy R. Pearce, Julian R. Hume and Robert J. W. Stone, second lieutenants, field artillery, officers 'reserve corps, and H. C. Woodall and J. A. Wilson, second lieutenants, field artillery.

To be captains of engineers, Iva Huie, D. W. Colhoun, W. S. Corkran and R. W. Lewis, first lieutenants of engineers.

To be majors of medical corps, H. E. Ross and A. W. Kenner, first lieutenants medical corps.

To be captain of medical reserve corps, M. P. Lane, first lieutenant, medical reserve corps.

Freeman-Merriam.

Mrs. J. W. Freeman announces the marriage of her daughter, Annie Lois, to Mr. Frank J. Merriam, on December 26.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR THREATENED BY BOMBS

He Is Ordered to Turn Over $50,000 or Run Risk of Explosion.

Sacramento, Cal., December 26.—A letter declaring nine bombs had been placed in the executive mansion, capitol building, police station and residences of "two head officers of the state" has been received by Governor Stephens and turned over to the police, it became known today. The letter demanded that $50,000 be placed in "a rockpile," presumably near Oakland, Cal., December 31 at 3 o'clock.

The envelope containing the letter was postmarked Oakland and was mailed December 24 at 4 p. m. It was printed with type and was signed "C. C. C. of C."

The letter was similar to one received by Senator Hiram Johnson when he was governor.

A diagram on the back of the letter indicated the point where the money was to be left, the police said.

Although it was recalled that a similar letter was sent Charles T. Hutchinson, an Oakland publisher, in January, 1916, and was followed a week later by the dynamiting of the house in which Hutchinson lived, the police said they did not regard the threat received by Governor Stephens seriously. The governor took the same attitude.

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LODGE NOTICES

A regular communication of Capitol View lodge, No. 669, F. & A. M., will be held this (Thursday) evening, 7:30 p. m., in the Temple, 221½ Stewart ave. The annual election of officers and installation will be held. All duly qualified brothers are cordially invited. By order of C. J. M'LENDON, W. M.

CARL DOLVIN, Secretary.

The regular communication of Kirkwood lodge, No. 548, F. & A. M., will be held this (Thursday) evening, December 27, at 7:30 o'clock. The entered apprentice degree will be conferred. All duly qualified brethren are cordially and fraternally invited.

By order H. W. DEWS, W. M.
T. J. NORMAN, Secretary.

The seventieth annual communication of Atlanta lodge, No. 59, Free and Accepted Masons, will be held in Masonic temple, corner Peachtree and Cain streets, at 7:30 o'clock this (Thursday) evening, December 27, 1917. Annual reports of the officers and standing committees will be read; and officers for the ensuing year will be elected. All qualified brethren are cordially and fraternally invited.

W. A. JACKSON, W. M.
THOS. EVANS, Secretary.

FUNERAL NOTICES

HUDSON—Remains of Mr. Thomas P. Hudson will be taken this (Thursday) morning at 6:30 to Gainesville, Ga., where services will be conducted from First Methodist church at 10 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Quillian officiating. Barclay & Brandon Co., funeral directors.

CLIETT—Mr. Oscar B. Cliett, 57 years of age, died at a local hospital last night. He is survived by his wife, one son, C. C. Cliett; one daughter, Miss Allie Cliett; his mother, Mrs. Rosa Cliett, Boxton, Ga., and three brothers and two sisters. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. Awtry & Lowndes Co., funeral directors.

BEACHAM—Friends of Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Beacham, Mrs. Farrow Hall and family and Mrs. Susie Beacham and family are invited to attend the funeral of Giles, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Beacham, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Farrow Hall, 116 McAfee street. Rev. J. W. Ham will officiate. Interment, West View. Awtry & Lowndes Co., funeral directors.

RAY—Friends of Miss Amanda Ray and family are invited to attend her funeral this morning at 10:30 o'clock from the residence of her niece, Mrs. R. C. Tucker, 27 Plum street. Following nephews will serve as pallbearers: Mr. J. E. Walker, Mr. J. W. Walker, Mr. C. H. Walker, Mr. J. S. Ray, Mr. R. P. Crane, Mr. G. N. Crane and Mr. J. W. Hunter. Rev. Mr. Evans will officiate. Interment, Oakland cemetery. Awtry & Lowndes Co., funeral directors.

DODGE—Friends of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dodge, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dalton and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Eason are invited to attend the funeral of Mr. James B. Dodge this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock from Marvin's church. Interment in the churchyard. The funeral cortege will leave the home, 292 Ormond street, at 1 o'clock. Barclay & Brandon Co., funeral directors.

PRITCHETT—Friends of Mrs. Carrie Hardin Pritchett, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Smith, Misses Jessie and Claude Hardin are invited to attend the funeral of Mrs. Carrie Hardin Pritchett this (Thursday) morning at 10:30, from the residence of Mrs. LeRoy Smith, 109 Lawton street. The following gentlemen will serve as pallbearers and please meet at the residence: Mr. Charles Murray, Mr. Thomas Murray, Jr., Mr. W. R. Hoyt, Mr. J. O. Chambers, Sr., Mr. E. C. Merry and Mr. R. T. Prior. Interment at Villa Rica, Ga. Barclay & Brandon Co., funeral directors.

BAGLEY—Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Bagley, Mr. H. C. Bagley, Mr. H. W. Bagley, Mr. Henry C. Bagley, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Marion T. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. McDuffie are invited to attend the funeral of Mr. Hugh M. Bagley this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence, 663 Piedmont avenue. Dr. C. W. Daniel will officiate. The following gentlemen will serve as pallbearers and please meet at the residence: Mr. W. J. Franklin, Mr. M. E. Sentell, Mr. Hugh Lester, Mr. Hugh Willet, Mr. W. C. Thompson, Dr. Harold McDuffie. Interment at West View. Barclay & Brandon Co., funeral directors.

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Any information or whereabouts of Alias A. S. Hardy, Alias A. S. Roberts, who registered at the Ansley Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., from June 27 to July 22 with Alias Mrs. Evelyn Roberts, as man and wife. This party has a fake marriage certificate, procured in Cincinnati, Ohio. Alias A. S. Hardy's true name is A. S. Handy. This man has deserted his wife and baby, who are in need of his support, and his father is lying at the point of death at Canton, Miss. The above picture was made six years ago. Please arrest him on sight. Wire any information to D. C. Bessum, Stone Mountain, Ga.

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